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#### The Outlook.

clad "Anson," in the harbor of Gibraltar and so speedy the final plunge of the unfortunate steamer, that though boats were hurriedly lowered from vessels near at hand, 560 Italian emigrants, shricking and frantically struggling for life, were submerged in the angry waters. A sadder catastrophe has rarely happened than this appalling wreck in port.

Pronounced guilty of heresy by a majority of the members of the Episcopal court appointed to try him, and suspended by Bishop Leonard for six months to give him opportunity to retract his errors, Rev. Howard MacQueary, of Canton, O., has resigned his orders in the Protestant Episcopal Church, and will probably find a congenial home in that communion which denies with him the virgin birth of our Lord and His bodily resurrection. Now that Mr. MacQueary has gained sufficient cheap notoriety by publicly assailing doetrines which he had solemnly vowed to teach and defend, and has insulted the proprieties the quarter still known as the "Northern Liberties," either as a heretic or a martyr.

clared at Hastings last week that the Liberal party had reached an irrevocable conclusion with reference to Mr. Parnell: "The Liberal processes and so can describe the conclusion with reference to Mr. Parnell: "The Liberal processes of a candle. Often and often did this child of genius and of exalted love go to his little bed supported. credited leader may appeal to the Tories, and be this country are receiving scant welcome. Healey, to test by a new election their respective popularity in Cork has been accepted by Mr. Healey, but Mr. Parnell thus far his public career is freely predicted.

#### THE BEST-KNOWN NAME IN METH-

SMALL, plain book lies on our table, printed A in 1846, when the N. E. Sabbath-school Union was a newly-formed and feeble organization venture in the direction of providing reading matter for the children and youth of the churches. The book has long been out of print, unfortunately; for though its one wood cut is of the antiquated type, and the style of the narrative is of that antiquated pro priety in vogue afty years ago, though, as a whole, to a superficial reader, it would bear no comparison with the decorated, elaborated juvenile literature which offers its superabundance to the growing mind of to-day, the story is one that is ever new, ever interesting - the story of a child richly, rarely

### " A Child of Providence."

as the title reads; born into a humble home; his feet braised early upon the shards of adversity; his innoent eyes suddenly and rudely environed by the gloom of poverty, the hard and coarse appointments of the low grade shop and the mill; his affectionate, sensitive spirit wounded by the ridicule of the rude, and disciplined by strenuous labors and severe afflictions, such as have brought low many a strong man in the maturity of his years — the story of a child of natare's royalty; a little prince of valor, of high resolution, of sweet and sound affections, with capacity for suffering above that of his fellows, but pre-eminent over these by an inextinguishable energy, an inextinguishable hopefulness, and by that inner light, invisible and visible, that cumulative splendor and

power which receives the name of genius. Born in the early part of the century, in Philadelphia, his father a Massachusetts artisan who had removed thither, his mother a housewifely woman of ordered home made bright by the promise of his nataral gifts, and by the decale activity of his character. We must send Alfred to college," the father was wont to say, when he noted the boy's fondness for the period; when he noted, too, in the evening hour for story-telling, the stirrings of enthusiasm in the lad, as he listened to the recital of Lafayette's chivalry, and of the taking of the "Serapis" by the captain of the "Bon Homme Richard." "I'll do something like that when I'm a man," the boy would say all confidence; and something like it he did, hor-like, long before his childish treble had deepened to the baritone of maturity, or ere he was girded

with the strength of a man.

and the candle by which the widow sewed far into the house-filling audiences; but this at the cost of a serinight, solaced by the artless comforting of her oldest boy, our Alfred; solaced, too, by his tears, when, ships of earlier years, and by exertions more heroic with her own, they flowed at the recurrence of mem- than prudent to fill up, in his few student years, the ories of the days that were no more. The patient measure of that earlier period of privation. This grief and the pallid faces of his brother and sisters lapse of physical force was destined to be as a thorn urged him, when he was barely nine years old, to go in his flesh, rankling from time to time, to his latest

out in the city and seek for work. As the elder son, day. For recuperation he spent half a year in Euwas he not now the head of the family, and should he rope, whence he returned sufficiently invigorated to not try to support it? At many a door stood the take a charge in Providence, R. I., where, a bridebeautiful, serious-faced boy, with the care of a family groom of twenty three, he was married with Mar weighing on his heart. Some jeered at him; some guerite, eldest daughter of Rev. Bartholomew Othesaid, with a half-pitying, half-amused smile: man, a winsome girl of French descent, so viva"You're too small. Go stay with your mother till clous, so sensible, so earnest and faithful, that all her you're older and stronger." How changed was days seemed set to a literal and spiritual music — a then that gay and easy world he had seen in the music which moved Eolian-like through twenty-seven family picnics on the banks of the Schuylkill! How years of conjugal life; a music so audible through sombre and stony were the streets in which with his all the length and breadth of her husband's career comrades, in the red light of the barbecues, he had that one cannot fairly describe this without allusions feasted, on the political high-days! Colder was it to her own life, graced with accomplishments dothan the deep water in which he had learned to swim mestic and scholarly, enriched with an exhaustless That coldness had spread a glow through his frame, the poor and the rich about her, to whom with It was probably an error of judgmert, mis- and had caused him to laugh for joy. But this cold- smiles, with native gentle gaiety and graciousness,



ABEL STEVENS.

as well as the creed of evangelical Christen- for the munificent sum of half a dollar a week, paid dom by declining to withdraw until forced to formightly, as the remuneration of toil which called do so by ecclesiastical action, we hope that him from his bed before daylight, and held him to he will have the good sense to take himself the machine, the "mule," till eight o'clock in the out of the public gaze, and cease to pose either as a heretic or a martyr.

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evening. Half a dollar in 1824 was equivalent to some three dollars of present value; but at best it was a cruel sum for hard child labor, and for the maintenance of a family whose members allowed themselves but two scanty meals, sometimes but one It oleered the air when Mr. Gladstone de meal a day - a meal of rye bread, or potatoes with fortune, but they were not prepared to create a constitutional leadership for Ireland under dews of sleep upon that hungry, troubled little soul, such a guidance as Mr. Parnell's." The dis- so early pierced by the pains of this inscrutable life. One evening, a week before the pay-day, the boy, duped by them as he was in 1885, but he will thinly clad, was buffeting his way home against wind never reach power by the aid of the Liberals. and snow, pondering that never-solved problem of the His followers are dropping off; his envoys to poor, of how to provide food without money for those dear to him. As the moon broke through a cloud-His challenge to his colleague, Maurice rift, he saw close at his feet a new half dollar, as if laid there by an invisible hand - the hand of one of those celestial beings, who, following at the children's side, do ever behold the face of their Father. What relief did that piece of silver bring to cowardly backs down. The speedy end of the group in the dark little room! What brightness, passing the brilliancy of candelabra, did it dif-

At a later day, when he took the wasted hand of his mother to bid her the morning good-bye, hardly could she whisper her response; and his heart sank. foreboding that perhaps by evening her kind eyes would no more answer his by a smile as of a light shining through a mist. It was even so. When he returned, the mortal part of her lay cold on the couch whereon she had suffered so long. She had passed to where, beyond these struggles, there is

Shortly before this hardest of his afflictions, one had discovered her in her desolation; and by human and Divine ordering, the orphans were committed to the care of those with whom their outlook would convey a hope and a promise; Alfred alone remaining at his post in the factory, but in cheering conditions, and encouraged by the interest hard on the human side, preventable, perhaps, by the agencies of human consideration in a coming day, had wrought in him a noble sense of self dependence a greatness of soul, more than childlike, and a hope for a future of honorable usefulness. He was asked to pray and to make addresses in the Sunday-school he attended; and quickly the repute of the oratory of the city. The ingenuous little lad whose rose-hued face, brilliant eyes, and native grace, as of one born to the purple of distinction, brought him into immediate and wide favor, made his way to Wilbraham, where the admiration evoked by his endowments might have unsteadied a head less well-balanced; but the sharpness of adversity, and the sense of gratitude to those who had wrought the divine purposes for his advancement, preserved the integrity of his character through this period of testing. In his fifteenth year his fathers in the Gospel gave him a license to the story, was given eight years of plenty in a well- Middletown, whither continually came requests for his services from the churches near and far; and our Alfred of the story-book, to whom his mother, in reality, had given that ancient name, signifying breath, or inspiration - Abel - and whose cognobooks of travel and biography, flanked at the end of the cleaving prow of a ship, at seventeen was known the shelf by one or two of the popular romances of throughout the Eastern States as the "Boy Preachhumanized angelhood, which is sent to the earth ever and anon, an apparition of delight, a confirmation of all things true and excellent to the disciples of the

> Thus was initiated a career of Extraordinary and Amply Fruitful Labors.

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children appealing to her for sustenance, essayed to Christians, mustered by his persuasive eloquence, to 'prick their bread with a needle's point," but sank hold and maintain a church building in Church St., alowly under the impossible task. The bright little home was given up for narrow and narrower lodgings, whose appointments dwindled in meagreness, till scarce anything was left more than the work-table - in which, of all the boys, he had dived deepest. beneficence to her family, her kindred, the groups of calculating current and headway, which permitted the crowded "Utopia," seeking port that mangles the nascent spirit, and renders it mute and believe a in an easterly gale, to drift and impale herself upon the ram of the anchored ironthe man in this case would doubtless have been a After many and many a discouragement, he ob- notable one, aside from the help or the hindering of last week. So unexpected was the collision, tained work in the Globe cotton factory, located in circumstance, but it could not have been what it is save for this wife who

"Never knew that aught were easier than to bless;" who supplied every need of body and mind; whose mental endowments were a complement and a stim-ulant to his, whose patience and affection were fresh with the rounds of the sun, and exhaustless with the rolling years. In her prime (in 1863) the music of her life was transferred to the celestial choirs, which were thereafter the completer for that added melodi-

New England Methodism, energised by the force of such men as Edward T. Taylor, Enoch Mudge, David Patten, and others of exceptional endowments and character, magnified itself in this later acquisition of a young orator, scholar and writer; for even in his boyhood the Providence preacher had tried his hand at newspaper contributions, and about this time produced two small collections of original tales for young people. During a missionary tour in Texas in 1840—at that period a region remote from the civilised world—he wrote a series of tory and polity on the matter under discussion; a dente, our ministry and laity, its influence contin-

dom of discussion consistent with courtesy and lovearliest and the broadest awake of the denominational press - probably of the religious press - for the contest against human bondage. It was one of tech you with a ten foot pole!" the now historic company of pioneers who initiated that moral invasion, that redemption of the Republic. The first essay of its editor's pen, when he was as yet but a lad of thirteen, just emancipated from the slavery of the mill, was a phrasing of the inarticulate cry of the slave. Hardly was he seated in his editorial chair when he risked his hopes for the favor of his brethren and the maintenance of his position by going the rounds in a wagon, after certain of them, and electioneering, with a persuasiveness not easily resisted, for the first Free Soil presidential candida e, James G. Birney. At the General Con ference of 1844, in which the "plan of separation" was debated, he threw the weight of his influence with his usual energy and ardor against the mere idea of such a scheme, as a thought of distoywho had known the mother in her happier years, alty. None the less, however, would be yield an inch of concession to the pro-slavery party of the Conference. The next Conference rescinded its previous action in reference to the "plan" as unconstitutional, and admitted that it had been betrayed into an indiscretion in an hour of moral bewilderment. This Conference elected him to the editorship tages as were possible for his mental growth and his religious instruction; for the processes of tribulation, New York constituency; and certain mutterings

were heard that if he were to assume that leadership, an opposition paper would be started as a con-We find him declaring his responsibility in the General Conference (1844) for an editorial assertion this boy of eleven spread in the Methodist circles of made in Zion's Herald that the real cause of the internal strife of the church was slavery, and that founding, had openly refused to affiliate with an ecclesiastical body which defended " the sum of all delegates openly censured him for this announcement, for it was a virtual declaration of association with "Garrison & Co.," "Abby Kelly & Co.," companies despised by all the respectable people of tested point, confused by the suddenness with which German descent, the boy Alfred, as he is named in preach. In his sixteenth he entered the college at they had been thrust into the fire of the conflict, urged that the settlement of certain "questions, certain "difficulties," was the cause of the disturbance wherewith they were disturbed. Their statements, indeed all their debates, read oddly enough in the light of our present experience and revelation; turning the leaves of books he could not yet read — men, Stevens, being interpreted in Dutch, signifies and it is hard to believe that the General Conference of 1836, convened in Cincinnati, passed a vote of censure upon two of its members who had attended convening of the Conference.



THE WESLEY CENTENARY STATUE, CITY ROAD, LONDON.

This statue, located in front of City Road Chapel, London, was unveiled on Centenary day. The Ms. hodist Times says: "It was the work of Mr. Adams Acton, to whom they also owed the beautiful saulpture of the Wesley monument in Westminster Abbey, and was the gift of the children of the Wesleyan Methodist Connexion. It was very fitting that close to a crowded thoroughfare of this great city, on the spot consecrated by Wesley's own hallowed toil, there should be placed a statue of one who had been so great a benefactor to London through his influence on England at large. The attifude, the book in the hand, showed that it was the Evangelist Wesley before them; but it was by his active evangelism that he did the work for which every disciple and every English citizen must always revere his memory." The photograph from which the above reproduction was made, was kindly loaned to us by Rev. T. W. Bishop.

orbits. The events of our denominational and na-

usual ability for above three years. He was then chosen (1856) by an unusually large ballot, and with - but, as always before at elections, without recourse with the honesty and intensity of his vivid temperament he has ever held these in abomination. To eek a vote is his conception of self-abasement by officiary had hands as clean, lips as pure, from this liness, of an open record of character and achieve- himself.

inal profession of the ministry, and to further follow those, who, while leading in the line and at the front, the most pronounced of his inclinations, that for did yet not occupy a position in the battle identical letters. Since his thirtieth year, he had been collecting data for

#### A History of Methodism;

and early in his editorial career appeared from his of all railing accusations. The people are not statespen two volumes, or series, of "Memorials of Meth-| men, and have a more peremptory method than tha odism in New England" (1848-'52), work anticipatory of the larger task. He now devoted himself to less, however, do they recognize in the leader whom this long-cherished project, already on the stocks; they have outrun, the moderation, the far-sightedthe Methodist Church, the church of John Wesley's giving to it all available leisure, through seven ness, which they themselves do not possess. And in years, that could be saved from regular clerical and time they go forward to give the recognition which ditorial duties. At the close of this period appeared in their precipitance they delayed for a time to yield. villamies." A considerable number of his brother the seventh, the final octave volume of his History (President Lincoln, in the fear of incurring the - the first three a " History of the Religious Movement called Methodism" (1858-'61), an independent able war - declared that he would save the Union, if work; the last four the "Rise and Development of he could, with slavery, or without slavery.) the Methodist Episcopal Church in the United States At Mamaroneck, where he was pastor during the the period. And the brethren, sore over the con- of America" (1864-'67). These volumes were at opening years of the war, the patriotism of his seronce welcomed with acclamation by the English- moss exposed him to the wrath of the ruder Dem reading world, and were accorded a rank in eccle- ocrats of the place, who menaced his house, and siastical history equal with that of Macaulay's "En- compelled him to send his family, for safety, to a re-James Russell Lowell, said to one of his friends that could not long stay away from a preacher whose Stevens' "History" was of all church histories the ardor and eloquence represented the very genius of only one that had ever detained his attention. Of Methodism, and of whom it has been said that, so er "— that embodied ideal of youth, genius and an anti-slavery meeting, held in the city, during the these a page or two had always sufficed for him; but thoroughly did the people generally confide in the lot, but ever resolute, indefatigable, high-hearted, in-When the proposed excision of the Border Con- of the Methodist history, the bell must ring long and were his presence and eloquence, he could win declining years the fresh and admiring affection of ferences was debated in the General Conference of loud which could summon him away. Bancroft, the an audience to any cause that he chose to set before Boy of Nazareth, the Chi'd who stood with the doc- 1856, his address, read by his brother progressive, historian of the Republic, was equally charmed them. John McClintock - inasmuch as the writer of it was with the work, and sought the friendship of the Other works from this diligent hand are journalist kept away by illness - was perhaps the notable author, as of one crowned by Klio, patroness of both. ic, periodical, and cyclopedic contributions at a proevent of the session. An adjournment was immedi- Through the English and German-speaking world, portion of sixty average newspaper columns a year tarry on our shores of times, one ately voted. The Bishops, with Judge McLean, at the remotest Methodist missionary outposts, this through a period running above thirty years:

the secession of the South, translated, published at | at denomination; for, as nearly as is known, it was the you! They can't blink your splendid eyes with their nevertheless feel free to pelt it, as boys permit themsmoke! Power and glory! They couldn't draw a selves to pelt a noble statue, he opposed an impregbead on you with a double trigger! They can't nable silence, broken only by the prayer offered night and morning at his family altar for those who clam-After twelve years of admirable service to the ored, not well knowing what they did. Thus to the Herald, raised by that service to a first-class power active manifestation of energy was granted him one in the ranks of American religious journalism, he of the last tests of greatness of soul — that of selfwas elected for the initiating and editing of the containedness, of restraint under provocation. The real sacrifices, his really large beneficence to the National Magazine, which he conducted with his passive force of this virtue moved certain of the less obdurate of his revilers to some form of apology. A whom he has been an illustrious, a devoted son. It brother editor of prominence asked by note his for- is enough to say here, that the richest members, the much unanimity, for the editorship of the Advocate giveness for his conspicuous share in this small business. Dr. Stevens freely gave what was asked, but learn that the offerings of this pastor of moderate to the manipulations of ecclesiastical politics; for could not forbear an expression of regret that the last year in life of a venerated friend, a man of historic, of invaluable achievement in the service of the denomination, the virtual founder of the journal confawning; to rehearse speeches in public for the ob- ducted by the contrite editor, should be saddened by height, and till his sixtieth year had not an ounce taining of votes for one's self, a casting away of the aspersions of his sons and brethren in the Gospel. of waste flesh, weighing till that period from 119 to self-respect and of modesty. Would that all our The regret not less than the free forgiveness were 125 pounds, yet so shapely knit, so erect, with such a characteristic of the man, whose magnanimity in the smirching business! Would that every member of it interest of others, whose sense of justice and fairness for others, has ever been as wide and as strong as it convey a nobler visual effect, a stronger impression and sway it to himself by the simple power of man- is in matters that bear on his own interests and on

> After the fever of the conflict had subsided, most By the election of Edward Thomson (1860) to the of the men who had been touched with its delirium regretted their infirmity, their hastiness in accusing with their own. But Dr. Stevens stands in that small group of Methodist leaders who, side by side with Wesley, and Webster, and McLean, and Lincoln, required a brief time, a few years, for the silencing of statesmen for the settlement of affairs. None the darkest of mortal sins - the originating of an avoid-

gland," the two works in spirit and style having mote farm. One of his members could ill endure his more than one point of similarity. The editor, at frequent sympathetic allusions to those in bonds, in the time, of the North American Review, the most the South, and would sometimes leave the church abcapable of our critics, the most elegant of our poets, ruptly when such utterances were made. But he once his nose was between the covers of a volume soundness of his judgment, and so mightily effective structor and leader of his brethren, he receives in his

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(a prize essay, 1856); "The Preaching Required by the Times" (1857); "The Life and Times of Nathan Bangs" (1863 — a gift to the widow of the deceased saint); a "Compendious History of American Meth-odism," abridged from the larger history (1867); "The Centenary of American Methodism" (1866); "The Women of Methodism" - a gift to the Ladies Centenary Society (1866); "Christian Work and Consolation " (1882), a series of essays on the active and passive Christian life; "Character Sketches," a series of biographical essays; "The Life and Times of Madame de Stael," 2 vols. (1881). Of these works, in book form, all save four early ones previously mentioned, and the last-named, are from the press of the Methodist Book Concern, which has reaped a clear profit of some \$100,000 from this the most fruitful, and, we think, the most widely read, of the authors whose names have a place in its catalogue. If any other man has rendered services to the denommation equal or superior to those of Abel Stevens, as preacher, pastor, journalist and author, we have not yet learned who or where he is.

It is impossible, in limits already transcended, to give a fair impression of the range and thoroughness of the volumes above enumerated. As an essayist alone Dr. Stevens would have earned a literary reputation. His essay on Channing, written near 1844, incurred no little animadversion from his brethren on account of its liberality in the estimate of the character of that devout heresiarch; but it has held its place, preserved in "Character Sketches," as one of the most candid, generous, correctly drawn portraitures in our American literature. The essay on Voltaire appeared first in Harper's Magazine (1878), is more discriminating than Morley's volume, or than that of any other of the biographers of le diable de Ferney, known to us; and to the general reader it is astonishing in its courageous candor. "To think that of all who have written about this man, a Methodist minister should present the justest estimate of him," said a lady of wide culture, as she completed the reading of this production.

The working power of our brother is inferential from this brief record. At frequent periods he has been accustomed to write from 2 o'clock in the morning till 2 o'clock in the afternoon. But let no one inconsiderately imitate this example; for no human being can subject himself to such a strain for any length of time without severe results of suffering. "Stevens is too stupendous to live with," said one

ities - mental power at once solid and brilliant, candor, generosity, veracity, honor, enthusiasm - are sketches and incidents, a " Budget from the Saddle clear rendering of the facts of the case, obscured, as ues to be vivid and of mighty power. So ample and those which combine to form the genius for evoking Bags of an Itinerant," which appeared in three duodecimos (each independent of the others), and obtained a wide popularity; the third of seventeen
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From 1866 till 1874, Dr. Stevens was corresponding these had been, by partisan controversy; and a con accurate, so thorough and able, is the record, that it love; and, like Napoleon, he has this gift pre-em-Herald, the paper being in a pining condition, owing partly to the division of a scant constituency between itself and the \*Christian Adsocate\* of New York, and partly to the anti-slavery agitation which had pre-empted its columns. Kindled by the electric spirit of the new leader, it sprang into new conditions of animation, into Indicated grooves of succession; that such tendencies were centrifugal in their force, and that tendencies were centrifugal i cess. On contested subjects both writers and readers were satisfied, for it permitted the utmost free orbs untrammeled to go onward in their ordained and obloquy in the cause of the slave; and who, after the hearty play of the strength of the high-legged German alty to Church and State. Its editorial management tional history have justified his opinion. It was his own expense, and disseminated through Great Once when he was thus stowed away, and his any to Church and State. Its editorial management inspired a general confidence which was voiced fair-ly in an utterance more than once repeated by that faithful workman, Franklin Rand: "I believe in lieve, that Peter Cartwright. whose heart, as broad important part of his career, Dr. Stevens was one of were sure he was asleep; so, being on the way to Jesus Christ, and in His son, Abel Stevens." as an Illinois prairie, was kuit to that of his young. the most recklessly abused men of the country. But slumber land, he softly replied, "Yes, ma'am." But Through all the agitated period from 1840 to 1852 er brother of Boston, hailed him with a joyful shout in the face of all misapprehension and invective on being sharply admonished, and disciplined with a the HERALD went its winged way, sounding abroad and staff-shaking in the air: "Hi! Bless your the part of his brethren, who, while they were not leather strap for this violation of the truth, he was its weekly reveilles to the editorial fraternity of the mighty soul, little Abel, those fire-eaters can't singe insensible to the large stature of his character, did never known to attempt another afterward. He has never had to wriggle away from any assertions made in the heat of debate, nor to pour out explanations for statements capable of more than one construction. Clearness, emphasis, directness, are the jewels of his utterance and of his pen.

Generous in deed, and systematically, much might be told, were he not still among his brethren, of his church which has been his mother and patron, and to millionaires of his charges, have been astonished to means, and menaced ever with breaking health, have sometimes equaled, have sometimes surpassed, their

In stature our brother beloved is under the average manful turn of shoulder, and so commanding an air, that no portly field marshal or crowned king could of intellectual and moral power. His head is of the moral poetic type, like that of Wilbur Fisk, of Henry Martyn, of Burns and of Campbell, the cerebral development being high curved and frontal, mostly forward of the ears, with a forehead higher than broad, but broad and thought-emanating; the hair dark brown and fine - silken, scholarly locks; the eyebrows dark and heavy; eyes a dark hazel such as commonly passes for black - energetic, vivid eyes (he might not speak amiss who described them as those of Frederick the Great were described - " the finest eyes on the continent"); the nose large, well-curved about the nostrils; mouth and chin chiseled and firm; the jaw strong, but relatively slight; complexion a ruddy light brown; the whole personnel indicating a quick, intense, emphatic nature, refined by scholarship, chastened by suffering, elevated by high thought and by religious sensibility.

In 1869 he was married with Miss Amelia Dayton of Clinton, New York, who survived this union but for a brief season. In or near 1871 he was married with Miss F. C. Greenough, of Brooklyn, N. Y., granddaughter of a lady who, having been bereaved of a son who had just attained to manhood, gave to the young pastor of Church St. a place in her heart as an adopted son, and with whose children and children's children he continued in after years to maintain intimate relations.

Attaining now the completion of his seventy-sixth year, he continues to write and preach occasionally, and even contemplates a further literary project of some magnitude. A man of the people, breasting in childhood the buffetings of circumstance, a veritable child of Providence, never freed in his most favored periods from the sufferings incident to the common the latest generation of Methodism. Those whose intellectual and religious education has been formed more or less by his utterances and his writings, recognize in this strong, beneficent presence, not long to

> "Who did accomplish his desire; Achieved, endured, and did not tire: Like Stephen, an unquenched fire."

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#### PRESIDENT'S NOTE-BOOK.

"Feed My lambs." As the Master spoke to Peter, so He speaks to His disciples in our Leagues. As a result of your prayers and efforts, united with those of others in your church, you have seen a number start to become disciples. Do not think your duty is therefore at an end. It has but just begun The new-comers are to be taught the meaning and use of the means of grace-Prayer, the Bible, the Lord's Supper, Baptism, and the Church. They will need much sympathetic attention. Look after them. Get them to attend the class-meetings and the prayermeetings. I know of one of our chapters that has no meeting of its own, but its department of Christian Work occupies itself in pledging the members to attend the regular meetings. Post yourselves in the work and history of your denomination and of the whole church of Christ, and teach the new converts. "Feed My lambs."

I have always been thoughtfully treated myself, but some of our brethren have not fared as well, and have been invited by chapters to come and address them, and then have been allowed to go home without any one paying their fares or seeing to their comfort. The president or treasurer should keep these things in mind, and see to it that their speak- SHORT STUDIES IN GROWING THEers have their expenses paid. This is the least that can be done where friends come. as they often do, at considerable sacrifice of time and comfort, to help on the work. I PERSONAL character has ever been one have no doubt that most of the instances which have occurred are due to forgetfulness; but true courtesy, that courtesy which as study like that of human nature, and the dull-Christians we aim to cultivate, is marked by est student gets some of the soundest theolthoughtfulness in just such little matters.

some one from a distance to come and make isterial functions. I am not lacking in interan address, give him time enough to say all est in such, and do not fail to value them in he has prepared to say. Don't put on the their influence upon the church, but I also program all the soloists, elocutionists, etc., have a marked interest in some others who you have in your chapter or among your have not yet made their reputations. To friends, and then sandwich the speaker in preachers and laymen the young minister is where he will feel he is of no great account, full of attraction because of what he is and the songs of the kingdom, and I think the unless you have told him beforehand that you what he promises to become. For this reaonly want a ten-minute or five-minute talk. son I desire to introduce to the readers of the if I mistake not, he will count it his privilege It is very hard to squeeze a forty-five-minute HERALD certain typical young men who are at oration into a few remarks on the spur of the present engaged in study at the Boston Unimoment.

If you have any suggestions in the way of changes in methods, or new ideas which you wish to have presented at the meeting of the Board of Control, to be held at St. Louis in danger that these will be unduly elated by May, please send the m in at once to Rev. C. what I may write, for I shall not name them, A. Littlefield, Springfield, Mass., or to the corresponding secretary or the president.

Get ready and have good rousing meetings at Conference. Let the secretaries in whose districts the Conferences are held, work the matter up in connection with the Conference this branch of personal theology.

land, Maine, next October. This has been first time I saw it. A side view is not always decided by the Board of Managers. We are the most favorable, but it serves to give as planning for a wide-awake meeting. Begin good an idea of character as any other posinow and save up your dimes so you can make tion. A well-shaped head, clear-cut features, before long.

from New York to London and Epworth, Enseems incredible that so much of a good time can be had for so little money. We expect the "Bothnia" will be crowded next home.

WILLIAM INGRAHAM HAVEN.

O quickening life of Easter day, O burst of sunny bloom! he Lord has risen!" lilies say, In gush of sweet perfume.

" Rise, Lord, within our hearts!" Through strange, bright mists of tears "O show us 'neath this Easter sky

- Margaret Deland.

#### THE VOICE OF EASTER.

W HEN we set out upon a long journey we need to be doubly sure that we are upon the right road. If we are going but a few steps we can better afford to be careless about the direction; for we can turn back, if need be, to find the right path; cinating conversationalist and a refined perbut when our journey is a long one, the time spent at the beginning in determining the road is right profitably spent. Easter Day says to us, It is a long, long journey which you have begun; the grave is not its goal. Men might have thought there was no hereafter, had there been no Easter Day; but this day teaches us that the grave is not a ditch, but a door; not a blind alley, but a passage-way to another world. "Pause," says Easter, "it is a long, long journey on which you have started. Are you on the right road? The interests of a hundred million times a hundred million years depend on what you do to-day and to-morrow." The sculptor with the block of enduring marble before him does not hack away at random. He does not shut his eyes and take off a chip here and another there; he delib erates before every stroke of the mallet. He pauses when in doubt, before touching the least fragment of the stone; because he is at work on marble, marble that will endure for centuries. If the block were never to leave the studio, if it were to be ground up and thrown out of the door, he might chip away as he pleased without considering where his chisel struck; but if it is a statue that he is making, he must strike no imprudent blow. That the statue of the character on which we are all working will leave the narrow studio of an earthly life some day, and young rake who sacrifices his honor, good name and fair fame for the momentary pleasures of a single debauch: "Consider what you are doing, my friend. Will you have a mad carousal for a single day, and in blighted prospects and ruined hopes repent it all

years and ten. So speaks the voice of Easter Day to ular element to make him effective in his pul- grave. This little book was published some would gladly have gone had it not been for his work every thoughtful soul. - Golden Rule.

### EASTER DAY.

OLIVE B. DANA.

Ring, happy bells of Easter Day, With clearest, sweetest chiming To nobler movement all our life Your jubilance is timing.

Like circling planets other days Are through the dim year sweeping, In gloom of sorrow, doubt and fear Full half their orbit keeping.

No great hope cherished seems to dare Claim all its rightful sweetness; And love and labor miss alike Their rich and real completeness

A wistful look is in men's eyes, Their trust has many a trial; But love is strong, it bears the doubt, And will not brook denial.

Like an effulgent sun appears The light of Raster to us. To happier hope and calmer peace Its earliest sunbeams woo us.

For Christ on Easter Day to men Is sunlike truth declaring, And more and more His sovereign strength

In all life's tile they're sharing.

Life dares be life, and love be love. Lo! the disciples, yearning In sadness for their Master, find The risen Lord returning.

Could Thomas think his doubt would win An evidence so loving? The heart that loves His ways will see It hardly need implore Him;

He gave the stronger proving.

Warm their affection, faint their faith.

His follower finds in Galilee The risen Christ before him.

### OLOGY.

REV. GEO. S. BUTTERS.

key to unlock the hidden truths of God's revelation. For this reason there is no ogy by means of blography. Our literature abounds in pen pictures of men who have Just another word here. When you ask become eminent in the exercise of their minversity School of Theology. No doubt there are others as worthy and promising as these I have selected, but they are not as well known to me, and therefore my description of them would not be as intelligent. There is no and neither they nor their friends may recognize the original in the outline. My place of observation was at one or two dinners where I was more interested in the men than

The annual meeting is to be held in Port- a young man whose profile attracted me the the trip. Special announcements will be out and a dignified and thoughtful face. Perhaps his expression is too thoughtful when at rest, but if animated by conversation or speech, The itinerary of the Epworth Pilgrimage the change is noticed at once. The features, which seemed a little hard, easily relax, and gland, and home again, for \$120, all bills as the interest occasioned by his own thought paid, you will find on the 7th page. It plays across them, the man holds your attention with ease. He has some reputation for theories about the structure of the Bible. needed an inscription. He remembered a few words "dryness," but that is descriptive of his wit rather than his preaching. What " Nathan July with "shouting Methodists" on their said unto David" expresses my conviction way to the memorable scenes of the old after one of his sermons. This young man is from the East. You would judge that by his elocution. Vulgar people call it a "New England twang," but in spite of that weakness he has some strong points which will Methodist Episcopal Church. His type of mind is logical rather than poetic, and conviction will be stronger than sentiment in arousing his enthusiasm.

On another occasion I was in the diningroom, and again I had a side view of a face altogether different from this first sketch. with either geography or archæology beyond that These features were never at rest. In fact, furnished by the Scriptures themselves, a person the man impressed me by his restlessness. Impulsive, impetuous, radical even! A fas- part of the sacred record." not believe I could sleep under his preaching whatever his theme. His bump of reverence is not prominent, but his occasional seeming irreverence is due more to his intense hatred to men of his calibre.

At the same table there was seated youth, whose face is a study. I may not do the connection of many of the psalms with the period cabin homes to prepare themselves for the work will exist not a few conturies, but forever - is the it justice because it is so different at different in which they were composed, the allusions in the among their own people. Bishop Mallalieu has his teaching of Easter Day. Let us pause, then, before times. Unusually thoughtful and rather epistles of Paul to the circumstances narrated in the residence at the University, and his work for the inwe strike an unthinking blow. We would say to the sober, he reminds you of a presiding elder Acts, and the references in the prophets to the events stitution is a phenomenal success. Its elegant sorbed this expression from a near relative or they lived, all help to that general knowledge of the Dr. Adkinson and the teachers and students receive not I cannot say, but he stations his thoughts with the same anxious care that an elder your life?" But that young rous who thus sacriyour mer but that young for which the presiding bishop. He is gifted ury of the Best Songs and Lyrical Poems in from choice, for he might have chosen his episcopal

truths, sacrifices eternity to a lifetime of threescore and address, together with much of the pop- ranged with notes by Francis Turner Pal- to China and Japan in Bishop Foster's place, he pit and platform efforts. He has a keen, penetrating eye, which I judge is no small factor in his public speech. It is rumored that he had the grace to decline a flattering that he had the pulpit in the bishop has secured a commodious building, with the considerable land, on Canal Street, near the business that would suffer in this substitution. In this substitution that would suffer in this substitution that would suffer in this su pit and platform efforts. He has a keen, years ago, but has been recently re-issued by offer from another denomination. All honor hand for spare moments. Every one should not shut out. The school already has eighteen stuto a young man who could withstand such a cultivate a liking for the best poetry, and dents, and there will be a great increase in the near gave 30 copies of Gospel Hymns No. 5 for use in the temptation! There are some older men in we must be careful and have the best, for future. The medical school is a necessity. The vestry. the itinerancy who might be enticed by a what Ruskin says is true: "All inferior friends of the Bishop and of our work ought to send similar opportunity, and when a student who poetry is an injury to the good, inasmuch as him their gifts to aid him in raising the \$50,000 "has his spurs to win" can modestly say it takes away the freshness of rhymes, blun- needed for the fitting up and carrying on of the 'no" in such a crisis, we believe him to be ders upon and gives a wretched commonalty possessed of a certain poise of character to good thoughts, and adds to the weight of affix is growing in strength and importance. it alwhich will some time show itself to good human weariness in a most woful and culpaadvantage. Methodism is broader than Conble manner." There are all sorts of themes Orienns, and has more members than the Methodist They may have 100 now. The regular League is a ference boundaries, and I do not believe that treated in this selection, from the pleasures Church, South, in that city. Its work includes not a man of premise who is happy in his envi- of the universal passion to the dirge of death. only the colored, but the Italian and German. Rev. ronment betters himself permanently by Shakespeare and Herrick and saintly George Wm. P. McLaughlin is one of the efficient presiding has a vigorous Epworth League of 60. It also has breaking from our ranks; but I am not blind Herbert, Milton and Scott and Burns and elders. He has mastered two or three modern lanthe largest average attendance we have known - 38. to the fact that the first part of the race in Gray, all give us choice utterances of their guages, and is specially fitted to do work among the Bro. Chas. F. Morrill is president. The pastor, some other denominations seems more at- muse. I have room for simply a classic tractive than with us. On my left was a man of very different give you a taste of the beauty of the whole is still unsolved. Separate apartments in depots and

He has the mental ability of his brethren, but his practical Christian disposition overshadows his other traits. If I were a layman I would open my heart to him more readily than to many men that I have met. His religion is business-like, and his ministry will have the business element in it. This may be natural, or the exigencies of his student life may have developed that trait. His manly sympathy will make him hosts of friends, and wherever he serves a church his name and friendship and service will be gratefully cherished. A genuine but homely compliment was paid him by a bustling business man in a church where the young man had conducted an altar service on two Sunday evenings: " He gets there without making any fuss time you hear him, but he is not lacking in resources to meet the exacting demands of a nodern church.

he seeks to preach - the kind of man with whom our Methodism is safe. Meditative appreciated by thoughtful men and women, sentiment of the last may be prophetic; and,

· Throw out the life-line to danger-fraught men, Sinking in sorrow where he's never been.'

The old days of Oxford might be recalled if we were more familiar with some of the choice spirits at the School on the Hill. The grand institution of which they are a part!

#### MY SIDE BOOK-SHELF.

THERE are two volumes that I have re- us. We feel a thrill of excitement when we look L cently placed at my right hand, which upon the monument in honor of Gen. Robert E. I can unhesitatingly commend to all Ep- Lee, who was the great and idelized commander of worthies as good for them to read and own. the Confederate Army. The monument consists of a The first of these books is Frederic Gardiner's massive pedestal and a high column surmounted by Aids to Scripture Study," published by a colossa statue of the General. We were interested in the statue of Henry Clay that stands on Canal Houghton, Mifflin & Co. It is well written, Street, the principal street of the city. Gen. Butler and from a conservative point of view; though was interested in this statue when he took posses-The introduction, of sixty-three pages, is a that Clay had spoken concerning slavery; he had valuable discussion of God's part and man's them put on the pedestal in clear cut letters, and we part in the making of the Bible. I would, read them: "If I could be instrumental in eradhowever, advise most readers to begin at the cating this deepest stain, slavery, from the charsixty-fourth page and read on through, and acter of our country, I would not exchange the sixty-fourth page and read on through, and then go back and read the introduction. One honor of all the triumphs ever decreed to the most one of the pioneers of New England Method of the most important of the chapters is that successful conqueror." A good patriot, one of our ism. The Pickering League has a large and in which he shows how helpful a general honored workers in the South, thought that the letters active membership. At the prayer-meeting, March 1, make bim useful in our Methodism. He is knowledge of the Scriptures is to the underneeded a retouch of fresh paint, so he bired a painter one young man was converted. These spiritual access almost ultra in his loyalty to the people of standing of the portion you may be studying. to do the work and thus has supplemented the work sions are not infrequent here. The League celebrat his choice, and thoroughly believes in the Because any young man or woman with even of Gen. Butler. There is an equestrian statue of An limited opportunities can acquire this gendrew Jackson that stands in the park in front of St. Festival and drill, given Monday evening, Feb. 23, eral knowledge, I must quote one or more Louis Cathedral. Its pedestal, massive and high, had under the auspices of the Literary and Entertainment sentences from this chapter in preference to no inscription; Gen. Butler called to mind the famous departments. Miss A. Mabel Young, in writing of all the others, important as they are: -

may interpret fairly and truthfully by far the greater

"The general knowledge of Scripture here spoker sonality. I enjoyed hearing him talk. I do of can only be attained as the result of study and reflection. One important means to it is the rapid reading of a whole took of Scripture, if possible at one sitting, in order to gain a view of its salient points and its purpose. It should be done in a paragraph-Bible (the revised Bible is a paragraph-Bible) of sham and pious cant than to any lack of where the connection of thought is not broken in loyalty to the truth. His creed may change to- apon by the division into chapters and verses. This morrow, but to-day he believes it with all his must be often repeated, for the various books are so heart and states it with the decision that made connected as parts of one whole that the more permartyrs in the early days. He has more faults feet knowledge of one helps to the better understand than some men, and also more genius. He ing of another. Especially is it important to comreminds you of one of the best types of the pare one book with another and observe the method reminds you or one of the best types of the Southerner, and I would not be surprised if he first saw America south of Mason and Divon's line. He will fulfil one of Wesley's Dixon's line. He will fulfil one of Wesley's of the way in which the same subject or person is cation of this school is on the best street in New requisites of a successful preacher in that he spoken of elsewhere. It is very instructive, e.g., to Orleans; the building is a large, five-story brick will make a few sinners "mad," but I also read in the Old Testament the whole history of structure, with a chapel, recitation rooms, and ac predict that he will not lack friends of the Abraham or David rapidly, so as to impress upon commodation for more than 150 students in rooms truest and firmest kind. Our church with the mind the prominent features of their story, and that are models of convenience and comfort. The her system of easy transfers offers a wide field then to observe how they are spoken of in the Gos- library is not large, but choice, and constantly in-

Scriptures of which we speak."

stanza from William Wordsworth, which will characteristics from any description thus far. collection, and which expresses a sentiment cars are provided for the colored people. No matter worthy of a noble mind: -

" My heart leaps up when I behold A rainbow in the sky: So was it when my life began, So is it now I am a man. So be it when I shall grow old, Or let me die! The child is father of the man; And I could wish my days to be Bound each to each by natural piety. ST. BOTOLPH.

### A DAY IN NEW ORLEANS.

REV. JOSEPH H. MANSFIELD, D. D.

T was Mardi Gras day, New Orleans' great festi-L val, wholly given up to brilliant processions, over it." He has a marked gift in the quiet promiscuous masking, fun and frolic, drinking and assertion of his Christian manliness. You drunkenness, license and licentiousness. Sensible miss the "show window" element the first Christian people need to witness only one such day to come to the conclusion that it is the devil's own

means " fat Tuesday." and comes just before Lent. Over at another table there sits a tall, when the days of humility and restraint and selfsmooth-faced student who has the mark of denial begin. The day of frolic and desipation, devotion in his quiet bearing. Industrious pleasure and license, is spent as a preparation for the and thoughtful, as you see at first, a closer forty days' fast that precedes the Easter festival. inspection reveals a man of the John Fletcher We could not help the conclusion forced upon us by type. To have such a reputation among his what we saw, that Mardi Gras would do more damfellow students is an honor indeed. Faithful age to human souls than the forty days of Lent to his studies, and yet more faithful to Him could repair. Boys and girls went about the streets in masks and costumes representing all kinds of characters, but the personage most frequently represented was his satanic majesty with horns and and somewhat exclusive in his tastes, he yet tail. Men went through the streets dressed in womhas the faculty of getting a hold on people en's apparel, while the gentler sex in some cases apthey do not care to resist. He will be much peared on the streets in men's clothes. Women of doubtful reputation - though the doubt was so and the spiritually hungry cannot but be fed small as to have no benefit - rode in open carriages by his ministrations. While calling in an ad- through the principal streets. Their faces were joining room I heard him by himself singing masked, but their conduct was not; they made frequent stops bafore open saloons and freely partook of flery refreshments. The processions of the day and evening were gotten up at great expense and show. The one in the morning was in honor of his majesty, Rex. It consisted of nineteen gorgeous floats, with tableaux representing the visions of Rex. The first was a fat ox mounted on a triumphal car. The second float, drawn by six horses, was a lofty throne, with the carnival king seated upon it. Then followed tableaux of Melody, Splendor, Poetry, Peace, Bacchanal, Beauty, History, students of to-day are the ministry of to- Fairy land, Demonia, Fountain of Youth, the East, morrow, and if these I have described and Galety, Love, Flowery Land, Folly, Industry and others just as promising are types of the men Enchantment. All these visions were strongly preto occupy our pulpits, the church has nothing sented. They were the result of, a year's work and the good report from this active church. to fear. If some of these do not attain prom- study on the part of the society which gave them. inence in our Methodism, I shall be surprised. For the most part, the procession was a credit to If they all do not do good work, I shall those who planned it. The evening processions in the food, since the dining-hall is more favorable than the lecture-hall for the study of vorable than the lecture-hall for the study of ing. At the close of the evening processions there lasted all night.

There are many things in this great Southern city

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words of Gen. Jackson: "The Union must and it, says: "It was a decided success. The thirteen shall be preserved." He accordingly had these colonies were represented by little girls, and the States "With no knowledge of the original languages, words chiselled on both sides of the pedestal, so that and Territories by young ladies. The march and with no familiarity with history or acquaintance the rebels could read them without the trouble of drill led by the Goddess of Liberty was very pretty.' going from one side to the other; or if they chose to This League feels the active and earnest help of its look at both sides of the monument, the reading of pastor, Rev. Charles Tilton. the same words twice would give more emphasis and a deeper impression.

The Louisiana Lottery still continues its demoralizing work, exposing its tickets for sale in shop windows all over the city; but since Postmaster Wanamaker's recommendations have become law, and the U. S. mail can no longer be used to help on this gigantic fraud, the lottery stock has fallen from \$2,000 to \$500. It is hoped that the days of the Louisiana Lottery are numbered, and that its charter will not be renewed, notwithstanding the million bribes offered to the State and charities.

We visited the

#### New Orleans University

for the second time, and found enrolled more than pels, the epistles of Paul and the epistles of James." creasing. The grounds are well kept and are filled "Another useful exercise is the tracing out the in- with orange, fig and other trees. The building with cidental allusions in certain of the books to the his- its appointments and grounds is an education in it a slightly-built, dark-eyed, broad-browed tory of the time in which others were written. Thus self to our colored students who come from their just before Conference. Whether he has ab- and the condition of the people in the age in which building is the result of his presence and work constant belp and inspiration from him. They can and do appreciate him. The Bishop is of incalculable help to our important work in the city and the The other volume is, "The Golden Treas- South. It ought to be remembered that he is here the Christian Endeavor Society of Rast Templeton. ing ourselves to the fact that the hope of Methodism with a natural and easy style of conversation the English Language," selected and ar- residence elsewhere. When asked this winter to go on "Young Life in the Charch." About 120 were

school. The Methodist Episcopal Church without prefix or Germans and Italians.

#### The Race Problem

how refined and well-dressed a colored lady may be, she must in many of the Southern States ride either League of this church. They hold united prayer. in the smoking-car, or a car that is little better. She meetings Sunday morning. The young people rewill be compelled in many cases to listen to the most cently raised \$16 at a pleasing entertainment, and profane and obscene language. One of our workers gave it all to the church. On the evening of March thought he would do a little investigating; so he 5 a Wesley memorial service was held. Papers went into a car that was furnished for the colored were read on the following topics: "John Wesley" people, and found the baggage-master and other Birth and Early Life;" "His Christian Experitrain hands engaged in vilest talk and actions. And once;" "Incidents in His Life;" "Wesley as a yet the Southern people insist on the separation of Student and Scholar;" " Wesley as an Organizer the colored from the white. If there was a little and Churchman;" "His Unmarried Life; "His more separation, there would not be so many shades Married Life;" "Comparison of John and Charles of color to be seen on the streets and everywhere in Wesley." A fine portrait of John Wesley drawn the South. But it is separation and condemnation to for the occasion by one of the members, was onex have even one drop of black blood to fifteen of hibition. white blood. It is urged that progress is being made in solving this problem, but the progress is slow an i sometimes backward. From the New Orleans Times-Democrat we cull an illustration of progress. The present State constitution of Mississippi legalizes one eighth or less negro blood, but the provision does and instructive address on the League and the Bannot go into effect until 1892. The present statute law is more liberal than the new, for it permits marriage a good number were present. Dr. Knowles' League fourth negro blood. A white man fell in love with a mulatto woman, and went to New Orleans and was married. On their return home they were arrested, out a case could not be made against them. They had not violated the present law; hence the judge appropriate manner. The League of Parkman St. could do nothing but discharge them. But the citi- Church, Dorchester (whose pastor, Rev. Wm. Full, zens of the place seized the man, took him to a re has recently been pastor of this church), had been tired place, and tarred and feathered him. They invited, and quite a number of the members were then took him back to the village, warned the ladies present and participated in the exercises, which con in his dress of tar and feathers through the streets, public career of John Wesley, vocal and instrumentthen escorted him to the Louisians line and warned al music, readings, etc. A collation was served, and him to keep out of the State or his neck would be a social hour, interspersed with short speeches from broken. This incident illustrates progress back the pastor, Rev. E. A. Smith, the presidents

chool are ostracised. Hence their work is full of people's meeting on Sunday evenings, and is esself denial; but their efforts are surely hastening the gaged through its committees in various branches day when all the relics of caste and barbarism will of Christian work. The membership is gradually go. Meanwhile give these toilers prayers and sym- increasing, and the prospect is good for enlarged pathy and substantial aid. They need it and they usefulness. deserve it.

#### FRESH FROM THE FIELD.

REV. F. N. UPHAM.

South Boston, Mt. John's Church. - The League, Chapter 3840, has 134 members. Though a little thead of time, we never knew them to be behind. They held a Wesley service, Feb. 25.

Portland, Me., Chestnut St. - The League has 140 members - a gain of 20 in the last quarter. This is

East Gloucester, Mass. - Bro. Charlton is "always abounding in the work of the Lord." In his Bethel Church he has a League that just meets the service. It has about 100 members. Wednesday wants of the people. Every Wednesday evening a evening, Feb. 18, they gave a reception to the church popular meeting is held, when some current theme and pastor and Orange League. The Gardner League presented. A few weeks ago two addresses were given, one upon Admiral Porter, and one upon Gen. entertainment they had refreshments and a social tained, open every evening.

New Bedford, Mass. - A grand union effort made by the Leagues of our four Methodist churches in this city and the Fairhaven Church, has resulted in very encouraging and blessed results. " Conscious Salva tion" was the ringing theme of a largely attended prayer meeting at the Fourth St. Church. Another service followed Feb. 15. The place was crowded. and souls were saved. Bro. Allen writes enthusiastically. Four meetings weekly for three weeks were held, and the spirit of union and love still prevailed. The singing was congregational and hearty, supple mented by cornet and piano. Rev. Bro. Scripps, dis trict president, assisted in the work. The pastors worked like brothers. Our correspondent says: 4. The work is glorious. Such a body of consecrated young people at work for God cannot fail of grand results.

Waltham, Mass. - At the First Church the

Waltham, Emmanu-El Church. - This young church, just a year old, has a League with more than

orated in good Methodist style the John Wesley centennial. South Hadley Falls, Mass. - This League holds

Sunday-school services at Plainville, two miles from | tical supper represented a vessel's sail. the village of South Hadley Falls. A school-house is used for the purpose. One of its members is studying at a training institute in Brooklyn, fitting himself to be a foreign missionary. Miss Sadie Stimpson writes a very interesting letter descriptive of their League.

Cape Elizabeth Depot, Maine. - Forty names are on the Epworth list here. The Junior League numbers 20. Its report is full of life. bers 20. Its report is full of life.

South West Harbor, Maine. - This League con- and secretary, Rev. Geo. C. Andrews was chosen ducts very useful Sunday afternoon meetings in va- president, and Rev. W. H. H. McAllister, secretary rious parts of the town. The pastor says: "Under pro tem. Interesting papers on the following topics the leadership of the first vice-president, a company were presented: " Mercy and Help," by Mrs. Ira G. of four or five go to the kome of some aged Chris- Ross, read by the president; " Literary Work," by tians, or aged unconverted, or sick, or infirm, and Rev. D. B. Holt, read by Bro. Pierce, delegate from hold a prayer-meeting, very much to the delight of Skowhegan; " Entertainment," by Rev. A. E. Parall wherever they go. Our young people have sept lin. Rev. W. F. Berry, of Farmington, gave a very this up for about six months, and show no signs of practical and consequently helpful talk on "Bible coming weary in this good work."

Dr. J. O. Knowles, of Worcester, gave an address is in saving our youth to the church.

present, and a most enjoyable evening was passed. Winthrop, Mass. - The corresponding secretary,

Deering Centre, Maine. - The League reports 38 members and a Junior department of 32 members Rev. J. A. Corey is the pastor.

Biddeford, Me. - Instead of 37, as reported in last has 67 members! This was the number Feb. 26 most efficient aid to the pastor, Rev. E. O. Thaver.

Saccarappa, Me. - This youngest of Maine's cities Rev. A. W. Pottle, is happy in the midst of a glorious revival, from which he expects large additions to the League.

Marblehead. - Two Junior Leagues - one for boys, one for girls - are connected with the regular

Coral St., . Worcester. - Haven Chapter is increasing in numbers and interest, having grown from 27 to 51. All departments are being worked with good success. Miss N. M. Knowles, the secretary, writes a marriage between a white man and a woman of W. I. Haven with us, and listening to an interesting "We had the pleasure, Feb. 17, of having President story, 'Twice Done,' will be given the last of this

Allston, Mass. - The Wesley Centenary was cale. brated by the Epworth League of this church in an o keep in-doors, while they marched their prisoner sisted of essays on the childhood, school-life and of the Leagues and others, rounded out a most en-The Bishop and his co-workers in church and joyable evening. This League conducts the young

> Oakdale, Mass .- Rev. P. R. Stratton, the paster, sends the following encouraging and appreciative note, which we insert in full: -

"Rev. J. O. Knowles, D. D., read his Epworth League story, 'Twice Done: A Story of Lakeside League,' in the M. E. Church, this place, Feb. 6. The audience was a small but very appreciative one. gressed. I regard it as an excellent production admirably adapted to accomplish its pur showing that the League may and ought to be spiritual in its aim, and a power in the work of saving

Athol, Mass. - The League here is in a prosperous condition. It holds a prayer-meeting every Monday evening, which is attended by from forty to sixty young people, most of whom take active part in the time and games.

#### The League at the New England Conference.

Bishop Bowman and Dr. Berry, editor of the Epworth Herald, will address the great Epworth meet ing at the Lynn Common Church, Tuesday evening,

A generous layman gave one of our Leagues a fine engraving of John Wesley. It was elegantly framed in oak. We should like to hear of many Leagues getting the picture of our Saint John of Epworth. and having his kindly face look down upon his loyal, spiritual children.

#### A Novel Entertainment.

We want to tell you about the unique entertainment given by Epworth Y. P. C. League, Haven Auxiliary, Feb. 26, believing it will be suggestive to other chapters : -

Extending the whole length of the large vestry was a fac-simile of the deck of a ship. having been issued to a " Ship Social on board 'The Enworth, enchored at Grace Haven Temple St. passengers and crew began to arrive early in the evening. Fifteen cents secured a cabin passage. Al P. M. the captain, in his bluff but hearty sailor fashion, called "All aboard!" and announced the departure of the ship. It being a stormy night, a few of the more timed opes who had engaged passage did not appear, evidently fearful of trusting them selves to the mercy of the briny deep, even in the stanch old ship, "The Epworth." A grand concert consisting of readings and vocal and instrumental music, took place on the main deck as the ship slipped her moorings, and with colors flying, dis playing the regulation colored signals, moved ma jestically, so to speak, out into the stream. After East Cambridge, Mass. - Rev. C. H. Hanaford is the intellectual feast the doors of the small vestry happy in this charge. His young people help grand- were thrown open, and the first mate announced that ly. Just 100 members in the League. They cele- mess would be served in the dining-saloon. Those who had not succumbed to the influence of old Neptune, did ample justice to the tempting viands pre pared by the steward. The bill of fare of this nau-If you want something new and attractive for a

#### social gathering, try a "Ship Social." H. L. FICKETT.

Augusta District Convention.

A convention of the Epworth League for the Auernoon and evening. In the absence of both president Studies for Epwortn Leagues." The " question Hubbardston, Mass. - In May, 1890, at the first box "evoked some profitable talk from our most ex-League prayer-meeting, there were 6 present. In perienced workers among the young. In the even-Angust, 15 members belonged. Now the roll has 40 ing, Rev. A. S. Ladd, of Gardiner, addressed the ames, and the prayer-meetings have an average convention on "The Importance of Work for Young attendance of 35. That is good progress. On the People." It goes without saying that anything from evening of Feb. 11, the League gave a reception to Bro. Ladd measures up to a high level of excellence the Epworth Leagues of Gardner and Barre, and to It is gratifying to know that we as a people are rous

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Our Book Table.

THE BOOK OF ECCLESIASTES. With a new translation. By Samuel Cox, D. D. New York: A. C. Armstrong & Son. This volume is published in the admirable

series, "The Expositor's Bible," and embraces the substance of lectures delivered twenty-five years ago. Dr. Cox advocates the now almost generally accepted theory that this book was written during the Captivity, or shortly after the Return; at any rate, it and is intended to be especially helpful to exhibits the condition of Israel during the period of their bondage. This view - the most tenable - helps us to understand the dark and pessimistic thread running through the volume, and which hasty interpreters and ommentators have believed to be the author's idea of human life in general. A slave's idea of life in the South, if he were bound to hard toil and little rest, to grinding conditions and cruel masters, would, if he should write a lead a better life. book of similar import to this of Ecclesiastes. have running through his narrative or poem a black line of despair and pessimism. No wonder, then, that the author of Ecclesiastes grote in such a manner. But who was he? Dr. Cox believes that he is unknown, and that certainly he was not Solomon. For, assuppose Solomon the author of this Scripture, is to suppose that the wisest of kings and of men was base enough to pen a deliberate and malignant libel on himself, his time, and his Knobel, De Wette, Delitzsch, Ginsburg, and others accord. The translation of Dr. Cox is students, and Bible scholars and teachers.

Boswell's Life of Johnson. Edited by George Birbeck Hill, D. C. L. In six volumes. New York: Harper & Bros.

A sumptuous edition of what is, perhaps, the greatest biography ever written. Too Bible, but are the Bible itself. — LECTURES little has been said in praise of the labor and on Genesis and Exodus. By John Worcesgenius displayed by Mr. Boswell. The loom- ter. (Boston, Mass.: New Church Union. ing personality of the distinguished lex- Price, 75 cents.) This is an interpretation of cographer has obscured the modest figure of these books on the Swedenborgian principles. the biographer, to whom he owed so much. In every event something spiritual is believed ress, and does much good wherever it finds Mr. Boswell has been too often considered to to be typified, or something foreshadowed, or a welcome. Boston: J. Stilman Smith & Co. have been only a fawning sycophant at the both. Such principles make the Bible too heels, dog-like, of the eccentric genius of ideal a book, and express out the rich juice Bolt-Court. Certainly Mr. Boswell should of history which it contains, and which is its be as much regarded as Mrs. Thrale and the very life. Make the Bible unhistorical, and town-clerk of Lichfield, but he has not been. And this beautiful new edition of Boswell, as all of its kind, has that tendency. issued by the Harpers, is as much a monu- Lessons Learned From Other Lives. By ment to him as to the man whose biography it is. For the last decade we doubt if from Co.) These brief sketches, at once bright any American house has been Issued a biography so thoroughly complete and excellent as this. Whoever may possess a Boswell will wish to secure this edition, too; and wheever as not, will certainly, at the first opportuwork that is not only createsore, out, in this edition are included H. Bradford. (Price, \$1. New York: Hunt Ever of his duty to preach the Gospel, and Boswell's "Journal of a Tour to the Eaton.) This is a sort of autobiography Hebrides," and Johnson's "Diary of a told in a simple, straightforward way. It Vt., where he pursued his studies for three told in a simple, straightforward way. It vt., where he pursued his studies for three told in a simple, straightforward way. It vt., where he pursued his studies for three told in a simple, straightforward way. It vt., where he pursued his studies for three told in a simple, straightforward way. It vt., where he pursued his studies for three told in a simple, straightforward way. It vt., where he pursued his studies for three told in a simple, straightforward way. It vt., where he pursued his studies for three told in a simple, straightforward way. other edition contains.

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member of that circle to endeavor to make desire to trace out the quotations which are the home attractive, and the odor of it so so familiar. joyous and cheerful that he can sit and dream Sunter - one entitled, "Now I Lay Me," cool, refreshing, and inspiring thoughts. It tender and strong literary feeling such as we ceptable Easter gifts. Price, \$1 each. have found, in days long gone by, in Ik Marvel's "Reveries of a Bachelor," or Holmes' " Autocrat of the Breakfast Table." Its pages are bright, crisp, entertaining, and, shall we add, intoxicating?

There is in this novel of this distinguished English novelist all the witchery of his wonderful descriptions of natural scenery, and the charm of his keen analysis of character. Indeed, in these respects we do not doubt that, in "Stand Fast, Craig-Royston," it will be considered by the greater number of his admirers that he has excelled himself. The old man with the painful blight which rested upon him because of the unsettled case at law; the beautiful and delightful grand-daughter, Maisrie, who is so devoted to her grandfather; the manly and courageous ncent Harris and his noble friend, Lord Musselburgh; the kind-hearted but misled Mrs. Ellison - all make a collection of characters in the handling of which, in connection with the unfolding plot, Mr. Black shows himself at his best. The love which Maisrie and Vincent Harris have for each other is not made so largely, but not altogether, by good, unfortunate George Bethune. We were disappointed at the dénouement; for we thought the crown, not by inference, but actually, would be put on the brows of Maisrie and

more of the idyllic happiness which could York. come later only from such a love as theirs. Romance is again on our desk. This num-

This volume is dedicated to young people, those connected with the Christian Endeavor strikes at some of the more prevalent sins, or 141 Franklin St. perhaps we should rather say, in most cases, the extravagances, of modern life. The volume is written on a high spiritual plane, and will be inspiring to young people who desire to

CALVINISM CONTRARY TO GOD'S WORD The Century Co.: New York. AND MAN'S MORAL NATURE. By D. Fisk Harris. (Published by the author. Price, \$1.) 'A pretty thorough and careful examination of this subject. There is in the treatise much thought and much argument, but the author is not always consistent or suming this latter position, he well says: "To logical. He does not hesitate to grapple with the greatest theologians and philosophers, and we admire his fortitude. - SCRIPTURE SE-LECTIONS FOR DAILY READING. By Rev. Jesse L. Hurlbut, D. D. (Hunt & Eaton. With this view Rosenmüller, Ewald, Price, \$1.50.) This excellent compilation will be found to be convenient and helpful to an understanding of the Bible. Each lesson most scholarly and dramatic, making the takes up a subject for the day, and the lesson volume exceedingly valuable for preachers, is not too long or too short. By the use of such a book for family worship, a clear idea of the Bible can be gained, especially by the children, if the reader announces, before reading, the subject. It must be remembered it is at once a juiceless fruit. This book, and suggestive, are intended to be a help and

dangers and temptations that ruln if not re- ministry, but for a while he resisted and entered sisted. The author need have no fear that he into business. He was married to Miss Addie M. will not be well repaid for the labor he has Miles, of Oxford, N. H., Feb. 20, 1855 — a union nity, purchase these rich volumes. We must will not be well repaid for the labor he has say, also, a word of generous praise for the put into it, on this score alone. Adult readeditor, Mr. Hill, of Pembroke College, Oxeditor, Mr. Hill, of Pembroke College, Oxford, who has done a piece of editornal ing the volume.—The Deminis, on Remwork that is not only creditable, but, in its inisoences op a Gire's Life. By Sarah physician. He then felt more penvinced than Journey into North Wales. There are, contains mostly accounts of travel on the besides, indexes of great value such as no Continent. At the end the author is married neighboring towns in New Hampshire and -a happy termination; but this event, so THE STORY OF THE NATIONS. - The en- important and so significant, usually pre- He united with the New Hampshire Conferterprising firm of G. P. Putnam's Sons, of cedes rather than follows travel. As a ence in 1868, at Lawrence, Mass., where he was New York, announced, some time ago, that pleasant account of what it records, the book

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end of the volume.— A LITERARY MANUAL Hedding, with other pioneer workers in Veror Foreign Quotations. Compiled by John mont, were welcome visitors in her father's THE STORY OF MY HOUSE. By George H. Ellwanger. New York: D. Appleton & OF FOREIGN QUOTATIONS. Compiled by John Devoe Belton. (G. P. Putnam's Sons: New family. The house in which she died has been a York. Price, \$1.50.) A manual in which stopping place for Methodist preachers for This volume, like the author's previous one, the reader can find not only quotations, "The Garden's Story," is for those who are ancient and modern, but also illustrations esthetically and artistically inclined. Its drawn from American and English authors purpose is to elevate the idea of love for home and explanatory notes. It is a very useful and the home circle, and to encourage every manual for a certain class of people who always been loyal to her interests. Stater Cham-

sweet that it can never be forgotten wherever Frederick A. Stokes Company, 182 Fifth they roam. The reader will surely find in Avenue, New York, issues two beautiful these literary pages an aroma so pervasively water-color reproductions by Mrs. J. Pauline of happy hours that are gone and of happy representing a dozen cherubic little maidens last stages caused much distress and suffering, ROSE, NUTMEG, GINGER, PEACH, Etc., hours to come. The book is an excellent one kneeling near the open window as evening to take up in moments of leasure, and even in prayer; the other, "The Choir Boys," a support. She has joined the company waiting her ABSOLUTE PURITY hours to come. The book is an excellent one kneeling near the open window at evening moments of sorrow and pain, for it will bring procession of sweet-faced, surpliced boys with singing-books in hand. These pictures is a volume in which there is revealed a are suitable for framing, and will make ac-

The same firm sends out as an Easter souvenir, "Little Fairles" - a large folding card in four divisions, designed by Maud Humphrey - the "fairies." being four sweet little girls, in blue, white, pink and yellow TAND FAST, CRAIG-ROYSTON! A Novel: gowns, standing among the Easter flowers By William Black. New York: Harper & and proffering Easter greetings. Price, 60 gowns, standing among the Easter flowers cents. The above publications are for sale by Carter & Co., Boston.

Magazines and Periodicals. Methodist Episcopal Church, Chestertown, the home of her daughters, Mrs. Aurora M. Md., is the leading subject of the Treasury for pastor and people, for the current month. Prof. Milton S. Terry, D. D., has some exegetical comments on "The Abrahamic Apocalypses." Principal D. H. Macyicar, D. D., LL. D., discusses "The Teacher Reproduced in the Pupil." Revs. James M. Farrar, A. C. Brown, Lamuel Haynes, T. W. Brown and bidding them farewell, offering to them her C. H. Spurgeon furnish 'Leading Thoughts of Sermons.' Theodore L. Cuyler, D. D., and consolation. With a mind that retained its of Sermons." Theodore L. Cuyler, D. D., gi ves a pen picture of Dr. Thomas Guthrie. New York : E.B. Treat, publisher, 5 Cooper

Union. at made sylp andads sheen thousa that weak, sentimental kind so prevalent Rev. Isaac S. Hartley, D. D., has an exour modern, lackadaisical story-telling. cellent paper on the late "General Francis E. The spirit of the story is Scotch to the core, Spinner the Financier." Hon. Charles K. made so largely, but not altogether, by good, Tuckerman tells of "An Hour with George

BEYOND THE RUTS. By Hiler C. Sardoe. Cincinnati: Cranston & Stowe. Price, 60 later. For the New York Story Club: C. A. Watson, 5th Ave. and 14th St., New York.

The March Unitarian Review has a halfdozen thoughtful papers by these writers: Mallalieu and Dr. Francis E. Clark each A. Allen, Ernest de Bunsen, Nicholas P. Gilhave a word of introduction. The book man, John W. Chadwick. Boston, Mass.: was a devoted wife and mother, an excellent

From the pretty frontispiece—"Caesar age, while living in New Jersey. About fifteen and Pompey"—to the last page of the "Riddle Box," St. Nicholas for March is Methodist Episoopal Church by letter. From Methodist Episoopal Church by letter.

of the King's Daughters and the King's inson; "The Church's Best," by Helen money for the church she loved. Campbell; "The Silver Cross Rescue Mis- Hers was a beautiful home, made such by the

The February Scientific American (Archwho desire to be abreast of the latest and is her eternal gain. that such books do not take the place of the best results of a very important and practical subject - that of wise building.

pages, the Lend a Hand for March has much 1842, and died in Camden, Me., Oct. 20, 1890. readable matter along its special line of prog-

### Obituaries.

born in Warren, N. H., Oct. 1, 1834, and died in May 12, was baptized Oct. 18, and admitted

Marlow, N. H., Dec. 19, 1800.

His childhood and youth were spent amid the writer of this memoir. rugged scenery of his native town, where he inspiration to the young who have just started mere than seventeen years of age. He soon out on life's pathway where it is beset by felt the call of the Spirit to the work of the to both through thirty-five years of wedded life. When the war broke out, Brother Noyes

ordained deacon by Bishop Baker. He filled the following appointments in the Conference with great acceptability and usefulness: Stark and Milan; Milan and Berlin; Groveton; Unwin, of London, a series of historical Declamations. Second Part. Selected and Enfield Centre; Manchester Centre; Adapted by Walter K. Fobes. (Boston: Lee Raymond; Great Falls, Main Street; Sanduich; reader and student a full and graphic story of the different nations which have been in the series known as Fobes' Elecutionary of varied and smalled Centre; Manchester Centre; Raymond; Great Falls, Main Street; Sandwich; Hillsboro' Bridge, and Marlow. He was a man of the different nations which have been in the series known as Fobes' Elecutionary of varied and smalled Centre; Manchester Centre;

clear picture, undimmed by any of those ception of the little volume. It should be an mind singularly calm and clear, amid great Anodyne Liniment, when doctors gave it up. after-touches which make so many histories acceptable book for Bible students and teachtedious, toilsome, and uninteresting. The ers. - HAZEL AND SONS, BREWERS. By remarked to his companion, "It is wonderful; I ireland, the Goths, Turkey, Media, Babylon of her books are domestic and wholesome, from the tender ministries of friends on earth to

He had no children, but a widow is left sorrowing, yet divinely sustained, to share the prayers and sympathies of many Christian

M. T. CILLEY. Chamberlain. - Mrs. Hester Ann Chamberlain was born in Barre, Vt., July 7, 1829, and died in her native village, Sunday, Jan. 11,

town of Barre (always her home excepting for the seven years immediately after her marriage Boston and vicinity, and in various parts of New to Nathaniel Chamberlain, March 20, 1854, which | England. she spent in Plainfield, Vt.). Wilbur Fisk, Elijah more than fifty years.

Brother and Sister Chamberlain were con-verted in the fall of 1-64 during the pastorate of Rev. H. K. Cobb. Connecting themselves with the Methodist Episcopal Church, they have berlain's religion consisted in deeds rather than words. Many have reason to revere her memory for kindness shown them in hours of need. The words of Christ, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these My brethren, ye have done it unto Me," she sought to make true in her life. Afflicted with a disease which in its

coming, among whom were two little ones called to the Master's arms long ago; while her ers, cooking schools and families. husband, two sisters, three brothers, and the husband, two sisters, three brothers, and the church mourn their loss. Rev. J. A. Sherburne and Rev. F. H. Roberts assisted her pastor in conducting the funeral services held in the ho me the following Thursday afternoon.

Hatch .- Mrs. Henrietta Maria Hatch was born in Washington, Vt., July 4, 1800, and died, Dec. 26, 1890, after an illness that confined her

to the bed but two days.

She was united in marriage with Harry W.
Hafch, May 15, 1827, at Chelsea, Vt. Their wedded life extended over a period of forty three years, and nine children's formed their family circle. Her husband died May 16, 1870, since Rev. W. R. Graham, pastor of the Christ which time Mrs. Hatch has been an inmate of Brown, who died three years ago, and Miss Lewis C. Hatch, who has had the care of her mother since that time.

A long and useful life has ended, and she has

gone to reap the reward that is promised to those that endure unto the end. She was permitted the great joy and comfort of meeting all of her living children during her last sickness, faculties to an unusual degree, a memory that was clear and retentive of the events of her life was clear and retentive or the events of her life even back to early childhood, she could take a long retrospect; and how interesting the romi-niscences of a life extending over so long a period, those who enjoyed the privilege of hearing her converse, well know. The influ of such a character is far-reaching; to children's

Vincent, after all their trouble because of the intermeddling of others. True, they were able historical matter, is are the Magazine own, and remember with what zeal she always probably married, but one wished to learn of American History, 743 Broadway, New troops for the advancement and happiness of the indulation o feel that it was but right and just that her last Both are strong, admirable characters, and we disliked to drop them so abruptly. But perhaps this is a part of the art literary.

Romance is again on our desk. This numbers days should have been so tenderly and cared for by the devotion and constant assiduity of two of her daughters, and that all of her children ever esteemed it a rare pleasure to "Stories of the Sea," "Stories of Mormon gather around her and offer from grateful hearts days should have been so tenderly and faithfully gather around her and offer from grateful hearts later. For the New York Story Club: C. A. was attended, Sunday, Dec. 28, Rev. H. F. their tribute of love and respect. Her funeral Reynolds officiating .

Crandall. - Emma Louise Crandall, wife of those connected with the Christian Endeavor dozen thoughtful papers by these writers:

Societies and Epworth Leagues. Bishop Alfred H. Peters, E. P. Evans, Rev. Charles died, Feb. 2, 1891, aged 30 years.

Her life, though short, was beautiful. She neighbor, and a faithful member of the church. She was converted when about eleven years of made bright and interesting with serial and short stories, poems, jingles, pictures, etc.

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She was seldom absent from the means of grace. In prayer and class-meetings she "wit- get from it doesn't disappear when the treatment is discontinued. A full table of contents is given in the nessed a good confession." She was teacher of Margaret Bottome; "If Thy Right Hand Offend Thee," a poem by Mary Lowe Dick-

sion," with a large amount of editorial mat-ter, correspondence and reports, all help to ter, correspondence and reports, all help to Lord." Our sister and her husband took a make this lovely magazine well-nigh indispensable to members of the order. Central Council of the Order of the King's Daughters: 47 West 22d St., New York. She leaves a daughter eleven years of age, who became a Christian two years ago, and who itects' and Builders' Edition) is a most excellent number of an excellent magazine. It Christ. Greatly is this dear saint missed by is especially useful to architects and builders family, neighborhood and church, but our loss

Wardwell, - Mrs. Lucy J. Wardwell, wife of Rev. V. P. Wardwell, of the East Maine Con-Though containing only about fifty ference, was born in Guilford, Me., July 18, She became acquainted with her husband when a student at the East Maine Conference Seminary. They were married September 1, 1864, and settled in Bucksport, Me. Her married life was happy; she was a loving wife and mother. Her husband and three daughters survive

She was converted in 1874, and was received, with her husband, to probation in the Franklin Noyes. - Rev: George Clement Noyes was Street Methodist Episcopal Church, Buckspor

Sister Wardwell was a woman of superior inconsecrated his young life to Jesus when a little telligence, a good scholar, a ready conversationalist, having a sympathizing nature, rare executive ability, and invincible energy. These qualities called her to prominent positions in the W. C. T. U., the W. F. M. S., and other benevolent societies and work wherever, as the wife of an itinerant, she found her home. When her husband felt called to the work of the ministry she said, "Obey," and cheerfully went, his helper in every good work.

When, after a lingering sickness of months she was told that there was no hope of her recovery, she replied, "Well, I am not afraid to die." The tender scene when she called her husband and children to her room and gave to each her last advice and expression of the great love she bore for them, is too sacred and spiri ual to be reproduced in the cold language of earth. The earnest welcome, the helpful songs testimonies and prayers which have so often encouraged seekers of the way of life and fellow song is now that of the redeemed on the other side, and the welcome waits the coming of the

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#### MUTUAL CONFESSION.

It is impossible to help another person until you know wherein that person needs help. Confession of specific need, therefore, seems to be the condition of mutual helpfulness among Christians. Spiritual diagnoses without the aid of revealed symptoms are rare, and, what is more, they are always unsafe. There is the soundest philosophy in the way St. James puts it: "Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed." The confession must come first, in order that we may know how to pray for one another. Otherwise, we are simply praying at a venture.

But it is a sad fact that there is very little mutual confession done among Christians in these days. The only kind of confession that one hears much of is a kind of general depreciation and humiliation - a conventional assumption in toto of the sins of the human family. If one desired to pray for such a person, one would be totally at a loss where to begin or where to leave off. So our prayers for fellow-Christians are apt to become generic and vague. We do not know what they need, and consequently we do not know what to

In view of this unhealthy condition of spiritual secretiveness among Christians, we are glad that there is growing up, in our Epworth Leagues, a spirit of mutual confidence and trust, the product of close association and sympathy in the Christian life. There does not seem to be so much morbid reserve Volume. among our young people as among their elders. They are more free to eralists and dogmatists have had with collapse into which they were brought therefore they are able to pray for one was made in six days. In this belief of their Master. another more intelligently and more helpfully. We think this healthful tendency must have become evident to all who attend the devotional meetings time a more competent one came forof our young people's Leagues. Confessions of specific faults are often heard. Personal prayers are frequently offered. Our young people seem to have got instinctively at the truth that mutual confession is the condition of mutual helpfulness. It would be well if some older church members would follow their example.

#### EASTER THOUGHTS.

spices and ointments; and rested the how vicious was their method; and yet ment" (St. Luke 23: 56). How hard Does not the Book say in so many

liefs are precious things. Well for us it stood in the line, was with them; is it that we do not need to understand and they were too narrow to read be-It strikes one with a fresh surprise and Yet no man could understand the Bithese words of the Creed were spoken with the world of nature and society just as they are now in the earliest around it. To read simply the letter centuries. But the doctrine itself was has always been to misread held with a more child-like and literal faith than it is to-day. St. Augustine in his "Confessions," describing his the dogmatism of the letter. The mother Monica's last illness and death, speaks of the courage she showed at the letter and based some of her docthe idea of leaving her body at Ostia on trines and parts of her polity on litthe Tiber, far from the home in Africa, eral readings which have, to the modwhere her husband lies burled, as ern Protestant world, become ridicusomething remarkable. Monica's ac- lous, as, for instance, the doctrine of quaintances there are amazed at her transubstantiation. But among Protconfidence when she answers their estants are still found men who can fears: "Nothing is far to God; neither read materialism in the Bible. In favor need I fear that at the end of the world of their scheme they can make a good He will not know whence to raise me showing of the letter, and any success

But however the doctrine is held, it beyond the line or below the surface.

hands and feet forever prove it.

epistle to the Corinthians whose main and desecration, and its resurrection. Destroy that temple - or let it crumble to dust - yet it shall be built again.

But even if we had not the unanswerable evidence of its continued life, it ought to be enough that we have such an unconquerable clinging to it. Surely we might have trusted God to fuldl one of the strongest desires we can cherish. He not only "creates the love to reward the love," as a great poet sings, but every other right and reasonable instinct. He has not created it to disappoint it, for that is not His nature. But there is the proof - the great, glorious, moving, historic fact! What a day it makes of this vernal equinox for millions of loyal hearts!

#### THE BIBLE AS AN OBSTRUCTIVE INSTRUMENT.

the Holy Scriptures as the oracles of God, as a source of light and help, an inspiration to individuals and nations, as a record of the most marvelous Divine manifestation of love. compassion and purity for the salvation of the human race, we have a profound reverence; while, at the same time, we are quite free to declare that for certain narrow and dogmatic interpretations of the Scripture which inhere largely in the letter and assume their own identification with the essential sense of the divine Book, we have no reverence whatever. The interpretation is one thing, and the Bible is quite another; the former may be totally rejected without impairing the authority of the latter. And yet these narrow interpreters are quite in the habit of assuming that their theories are the Bible; perhaps for the reason that it is more easy to assume than to prove; and, in case the assumption be accepted, the party has a certain advantage in the start. The premise in the argument. which ought to have been established; is conceded. In dealing with science. theology, and social and moral reform, we are met with this vicious method of opposition. The Bible, instead of being used for its legicimate purpose of ployed as a means of obstruction, as a cautious in such use of the sacred

science. Men once thought the world by the crucifixion, death, and burial they were sincere and innocent. The single witness they had had upon the stand seemed to testify to it. In due ward and incontestably showed, with the documents in hand, that the world was the work of ages. What did the literalists do? Instead of accepting it, notwithstanding the fore-gleams in the higher and really incontestable proofs, and looking about to see if they had not misunderstood the first witness, they set up their understanding of the first witness as a rebuttal and refutation of the second witness who was really the only one who had spoken "And they returned, and prepared to the case as presented. We see now seventh day according to the command- they had the letter clearly on their side. it must have been for those loving, words that God made the world in six broken hearts to wait over that day, days? It would seem as though this before they made use of the spices and experience would have taught these ointments. Thinking this, one feels the people a little modesty, especially as force of the mais (but) in the French they had already had a passage-at-arms translation, which opens the next chap- with Copernicus. The heliocentric ter, instead of the "now" of our system contradicts the senses - conrendering. Though the women would tradicts the letter of the Bible. Both not break the Sabbath even in such a sense and the Bible tell of the sun's case, yet (but) they came as early as rising and setting. To the theologians possible the next morning - St. John of the period it was inconceivable that the Bible could speak in the language Some one has said that it was just like of appearances and not in that of real-Jesus to reveal Himself first after the ity. To us it is clear that the revelaresurrection to women. But how was tion of God could be given only in the it possible for Him to do otherwise? language of appearances. No man They were the only ones who sought can speak to reality; human language Him. It is always like Him to come to is created in the realm of souse. But the literalists deemed the Bible a suffi-"I believe in the resurrection of the cient reply to Copernicus; and they body" (the Apostles' Creed). Our be- pelted him with texts. The letter, as them all. Faith goes far beyond that. tween the lines and beyond the lines. pleasure now and then to remember that | ble who did not study it in connection

> Again, theological speculation has been obliged to make its way against Roman Catholic Church has lived in ful attempts at refutation must reach

The resurrection seems a concession only one or two instances, temperance The resurrection seems a concession to the weakness of human nature, which, having a mighty instinct of immortality, can yet hardly believe in it dead. So Christ says on that fardead. So Christ says on that far- side can against the eligibility of womoff Easter morning, standing beside an. The slaveholder reveled in Script-His own tomb, with the believing Mary ure quotation, and comforted himself at His feet - says to every trembling in the assurance that he had silenced soul, looking out into the dim, myste- all reasonable opposition to his claims. rious shadows of the future: It is a The trouble in all these cases was that real place, a real life there; My pierced the Scriptures were wrested from their original and legitimate purpose, and A strange dignity and value belong used in a way that was never in the to the body. There seems no call to mind of the writer. However convendisparage it, or speak lightly of it, as lent such accommodations may be as has been done, even if the Divine Man a rhetorical flourish, or as illustrations, had not forever exalted it by taking they are a poor reliance for arguments its form Himself. St. Paul repeatedly on grave questions. The foliy perpecalls it "the temple of God" in that trated in so many instances ought to convince our friends of the inutility theme from first to last is the body - of using them in relations so remote its sins and sorrows, its dignity from the purpose the author had immediately in hand. The auxiety of the opposition to

bring in the Scriptures to settle a ques-

tion which really lies outside of them, reminds us of a dyspeptic friend with his nerves outside the skin, who gravely told us he regulated his diet by the Bible and conscience. On being assured that we consulted nothing beyond the demands of appetite, he was seriously disturbed, and quoted abundance of Scripture to show our error. When told that these Scriptures, howus little better than an infidel. We repudiated the Bible! Of course he assumed that his crude notions about diet were the backings of the Bible; and he had about as much reason for his opinion as some people who drag in the Bible to settle questions which endowed with reason, with appetites, passions and social affinities, and in settling most questions in human life ago, under other conditions and for other purposes, and we may well, in a literal application to ourselves, or to week and broke her hip. the settlement of current social or ecclesiastical questions. The question of ference is a prudential one. It is to be N. J., April 8. settled by reason and judgment. If it less the question be mixed with ex- be held at Washington next autumn. traneous matters, the more likely shall we be to reach satisfactory results.

#### THE RISEN CHRIST.

The messages of the risen Lord to the primitive and favored disciples to great facts that had occurred in His to the church." inspiration and enlightenment, is emwar-club to beat back any advance in thought or action. The history of past struggles ought to make men consoling, corrective, and inspiring. "All hail!" "Fear not ye!" "Peace be under the past struggles ought to make men consoling, corrective, and inspiring. Ghost!" The disciples slowly but

> The influences of the Lord upon from the dead unto the life that is life indeed; and they failed to comprehend their Scriptures, His three-fold prediction of death and resurrection, His and resurrection of the temple of His sued by the Book Concern. body, and the emptiness of the sepulchre. Christ's death, according to His predictions, was not to be the end of

His life, nor of His influence. Moreover, in His death a law of spirnatural world was to be illustrated. He was to be like a grain of wheat that falls into the earth, and, by dying, bears much fruit. The fruit would consist of many disciples after His kind. The principle should find perpetual illustration in the death and resurrection of believers. And it was so. The principle found immediate the membership of 84. illustration: . "Many bodies of the saints that had fallen asleep were raised; and coming forth out of the tombs after His resurrection they entered into the holy city and appeared unto many."

His victory was complete. He conquered sin, the world, His adversaries, death, and the grave. He became a life-giving Spirit. He is to be conceived of as raising all the dead, raising believers unto the resurrection of eternal life and bliss, raising the entire being in each case, and therefore including the body. How His disciples, from first to last, have been filled with faith, hope, love, peace, obedience and beneficence; with the spirit of power for spiritual service, and the spirit of philanthropy toward all the sorrowing and the vile!

Ideally considered, Christ lives in believers and believers live in Him during their earthly career, and live anew in Him by gaining, in each life, a new victory over death and the grave. We believe, with President Wilbur Fisk, in a spiritual, glorified body, like the body of the risen Lord, as the completed product of the work of Christ in believers, and a bond of union between personality here and personality in the tuture life. Just before his death in 1839, the great preacher, educator, reformer, and sufferer, expressed himself

is the vital point of the Christian creed.

"If Christ be not raised, your faith is vain" (1 Cor. 15: 17). His life and death alone would not have availed for us.

"I love this body, notwithstanding it has so often been a hindrance to the aspirations of my mind; for it has been an old companion of mine. It has cost me much care and pain, its tendency being continually to decay; and though it may lie long in the grave, it shall be raised, and I shall see it again; for I hope

to be united with it, but with none of its in-The risen Christ became a life-giving

Spirit not only to individual men and disciples, but to all social life, and history, and to certain great truths affecting Himself, such as His Deity, atonement, resurrection, ascension and bury. intercession. He worked in and through the experience of His disciples so as to form such historic institutions as the Christian Sabbath (the Lord's Day) and the Christian Church. He Boston Trans gave new inspiration to the fine arts, inclusive of music, poetry and painting, until He has enriched the world with great libraries and galleries, where the haps no one living is a greater lover of peace treasuries of human genius are gath- larly among the children of God." To an ered as in a temple of worship. The other he said, "What would not one do, exthrongs that will assemble in the cept sin, that brotherly love may continue? sanctuaries of the hosts of Christ "But," he had to admit, "there is no one during the present week, and especially living that has been more abused for his on the coming Sabbath, will be an pains, even to this day." Nevertheless, "I object lesson to the world of the unity feel and I grieve, but by the grace of God I of Christendom around the person of Christ. The so-called Apostles' Creed is the creed of Oriental and Occidental found and brilliant lectures are making such Christendom, of Greek, Roman Catholic and Protestant Churches, affirming in words that Jesus "was crucified, dead and buried;" that "He rose from the dead;" and in substance that He the Inner Life;" April 8 and 10, two studies ever good in their original application, is King of kings at God's right hand. in Spenser s "Faerle Queene;" April 11 and He will come again to be the Jud e 15, and Rewarder of all "the quick and Tickets for the course, \$5. There are but the dead." He is glorified in such offices and work. His disciples and churches increase in unity and power, according as they enter into the fulness of meaning in their brotherhood to Him and to each other. All han, are really in their nature and bearings and to each other. All han, are extra Biblical. The Bible was not Man are Man are and world-wide featival! and to each other. All hail, therefore, graph: -

#### PERSONALS.

they must ravel beyond the letter of - Rev. W. H. Daniels has left England, the Bible. That letter was given long and reports from the Sues Canal as in good health and on his way to Bombay.

- Mrs. Almy, mother of Hon. James F. the light of the past, hesitate to make Almv, of Salem, fell at her residence last

- Bishop Mallalien arrived in Boston last week, and will remain a few days. He holds to keep the name my mother gave me." admitting woman to the General Con- April 1, and the Newark at Washington, the Delaware Conference at Cambridge, Md.,

- We are happy to announce that Rev. be a matter reasonable and proper and Wm. Arthur, D. D., author of "The Tongue in accord with the wishes of the Meth- of Fire," will preach the opening sermon beodist people, it should be done. The fore the Ecumenical Methodist Conference to

- The Southern California Christian Advocate says: " It was said of Bishop Warren by a member of an Annual Conference over which the Bishop presided, that 'he presided like a brother and preached like an angel."

- It is refreshing to read of such seasons of revival as Rev. G. T. Norris, of Windsor, Ohio, reports in a paragraph of a personal whom His first appearances were made, letter as follows: "Special meetings have are appropriate in sentiment to the closed with 72 conversions, and 85 accessions

- Mrs. Mary J. Munsell, of Hartford salutations that were exclamatory, Conn., recently presented the North M. E. consoling, corrective, and inspiring. Church of that city with a \$5,000 Hook & Hastings organ, and has just contracted with the same firm for a \$4,000 instrument to be placed in the South Park M. R. Church.

Sautious in such use of the sacred surely recovered from the sorrow, volume.

Observe what curious tilts these literage and dogmatists have had with such use of the sacred surely recovered from the sorrow, unbelief, hopelessness, and state of the month of March, with great acceptance.

This grand old church is showing itself very in March 20, aged 92 years, after seventy years their faith in Christ depended upon faith in the Scriptures, but that their faith in the Scriptures, but that there is in Maiden, Oct. 4, 1799. Without the culture is that the rever acceptance of the debate Dr. Higg - Prof. L. T. Townsend has supplied the fraterual and appreciative in inviting Methodist minuters to occupy its vacant pulpit.

- Having proved that he can invite nonthem appealed to their senses - sight, Episcopal c'ergymen into his own pulpit withhearing, touch. The difference between out drawing down upon him the condemna-Him and them consisted in the fact two of his church, Dr. Rainsford, of St. that He had foreseen and taught what George's, now proceeds to evince his desire actually happened in His resurrection for Christian unity by preaching in Plymouth Church, Brooklyn.

- Bishop Foster has very nearly recovered from his ill attack, which occurred at the time that he expected to embark for China. He is D. D., professor of practical theology in diligently engaged upon his monumental the- Drew Theological Seminary, Madison, N. J. ological work, and our readers will be glad to there are two grandsons - Rev. Frederick N suggestive allusions to the destruction know that two more volumes will soon be is-

Hospital in this city, and personally informs | the promisent ministers present were Dr. D. us that the operation was very successfully H. Ela, of Boston, Rev. Walter Ela, presiding itual life analogous to a law in the performed. Latest advices from Dr. Knowles elder of New Bedford District, and Dr. M. J. state that he is doing as well as can be ex-

- Rev. T. Corwin Watkins, D. D., of Walnut St. Church, Chelsea, issues a directory and annual report of his church. The grand total of all moneys contributed by this church for the year is \$5,748 70. During the the most appreciative, critical and enthusitwelve months 135 have been received on pro-

- The many friends of Rev. W. J. Yates will rejoice to read this personal assurance of his restoration to health: -

"I am once more on my feet and in full tide of work. Had a hard time in December with pieuro-pneumonia and small chance of recovery, but the Lord has wonderfully brought me up to a grand degree of health and strength. Was never better in my life."

- Dr. Daniel Dorchester, the superintendent of Indian schools, and his wife, who is a for or against things of a disputable nature, special agent, left Washington last week for the Sioux country, expecting to be absent four months, during which time they will closes the article, after speaking of "the visit all of the 51 Indian schools in the two great revival which roused England from the Dakotas, and make arrangements for the es- general slumber and the wide-spread godlesstablishment of new schools in the Sioux res-

N. M., under date of March 14: -

"I have moved from Albuquerque up to Santa Fé, and am now pastor of our church here. I am enjoying pretty good-health just now, and am trying, again to work for the Master. Next time you come to New Mexico call at the parsonage at Santa Fé, and we will show you the oldest city but one in North America."

- Rev. M. S. Kaufman, of Pleasant St. Church, New Bedford, has decided to spend one or more years in special study. For this reason he will sever his relations with his church at the close of the present Conference year. Mr. Kaufman was unanimously invited to return by his official board for anther year. He has been very successful in this pastorate, and his people will part with

him very reluctantly. - The Boston Herald says: "One of the few failings that accompany Dr. Peabody's

as to give the appearance of begging. Dr. Peabody, seeing the hat, dropped a quarter into it with his customary kind remark. Dr. Oliver Wendell Holmes, who was holding the hat, put the money in his pocket, solemnly thanked his old friend, the giver, and passed on."

ment speakers appointed at the School of Theology are Wilbur F. Sheridan and Charles H. Stackpole, with alternater, M. H. Alexander and John P. Pills-

"The University Beacon says: -

"President Raymond secures successful men to lecture to the students, with the idea of explaining to them the various phases of their professions. W. F. Whitcher, of the

- When his early teacher, Peter Böhler, was dying, Wesley wrote to him: "Peror has labored more for it than I, particufret at nothing.

- Mr. Richard G. Moulton, whose proimpression upon scholarly circles in this country, will give a series before the School of Theology of Boston University as follows: April 4, "Macbeth, or a Soul's Degeneracy; " April 6, "Lady Macbeth - a Type of "The Literary Study of the Bible." very few tickets left, and these can be obtained from Mrs. Claffin, 63 Mt. Vernon

- We are indebted to the Western Christian Advocate for the following unique para

"At the recent session of the Mississipp Conference the name of Mary A. Hobson appeared among the list of those to be ordained deacons. Bishop Newman, who presided, instituted an investigation, thinking that some mistake had been made. The candidate was called in and questioned. In response to the summons a man appeared. Said the Bishop: 'There must be some mistake. Your name must be Marius or Marion.' 'No, sir,' responded the embryo preacher, 'my name is Mary. I'se the seventh son of my mother, and she was so mad that I wasn't a girl, that she called me Mary.' 'Well,' said the Bishop, 'if I were you I would change my name.' 'No, sir,' responded he of the ebony skin, 'I'se going to kan the name my mother gave me.'" esponse to the summons a man appeared

- Samuel Webb, one of the oldest mem bers of Garden St. Church, Lawrence, and for many years a successful class-leader, writes interestingly as follows: -

"Rev. A. Turner, of Cape Elizabeth "Rev. A. Turner, of Cape Elizabeth, Maine, shows you a souvenir. I send you mine. The admit to the love-feast was given me the day I was converted, Sept., 1840. The one 1857 was the last I received before coming to the United States. It has upon it: Wesleyan Methodist Society. Established 1730. Quarterly ticket for March, 1857. "I, even I, am He that blotteth out thy transgressions for Mine own sake and will not ions for Mine own sake, and will no member thy sins'' (Isaiah 43: 25).' I used meet in class with an old lady that used to sit under John Wesley's preaching at Stock-port, England, and walked eight miles after the sermon (week-night) at 9 o'clock P. M. She was a hand-loom weaver and carried her warp the eight miles to New Mills in Derbyshire."

- On Friday of last week, Rev. S. F. Upham, D. D , sent to the office this telegraphic announcement: "My dear father entered into rest this morning." Rev. Frederick Upham, D. D., of the New England Southern of American Methodism, died at Fair Haven, information. His native eloquence, genial social nature, rare wit and humor, his wise tact and general good judgment in the management of affairs, together with a hearty reter in his many and important charges, and everywhere welcome and beloved by all who knew him. In his old age he did not lose the sprightliness of thought and cheerfulness which had made him so attractive in earlier days. Besides the son, Rev. S. F. Upham, Upham, of the New England Conference and Rev. Frank Upham, of New York Eas -Rev. J. M. Durrell, of Manchester, N. H., Conference. The public funeral services was with Rev. Dr. D. C. Knowles during the were held at the Methodist Church, Fairhaven, amputation of his foot at the Homosopathic on Monday, March 23, at 1 o'clock. Among Talbot, of Providence. A fitting obituary of this moble man will soon appear in our col-

much concerning John Wesley in this anniversary era, and perhaps has shown himself bation, and there has been a total increase to the membership of 84.

In the Contemporary Review for March is a fresh contribution by Dr. Farrar on John Wesley, in which he finds the key to that remarkable life in an early utterance: "I was convinced more than ever of the impossibility of being half a Christian, and determined to be all devoted to God; to give Him all my soul, my body, and my substance." was ordained deacon by Bishop Potter," says Farrar, "and never forgot the Bishop's advice: 'If you wish to be extensively use-

ful, do not spend your time in contending but in testifying against notorious vice, and in promoting real essential holiness." ness of the eighteenth century," with these words: "The Evangelical movement, the Oxford movement, even the recent enthusiasm of the Salvation Army, are traceable to his example, and to the convictions which he inspired. Paithfulness, energy, sincerity, like his will never be ineffectual. He outlived the rage of the vicious which he rebuked, and the jeniousy of the neglectful who were shamed by his efforts and enviou of his success. He has taken his secure place among the benefactors of mankind,

truth that They with the sun and moon revive their light

BRIEFLETS.

At the Missouri Conference the vote on the admission of women to the General Confer ence, taken without discussion, resulted in 65

hat off, wiping the perspiration from his day morning sermon out of it, in which there forehead, but who held his hat in such a way was not a trace of Calvinism."

When Bishop Paddock died, a note was sent to Professor Buell inviting the faculty and students of our School of Theology to attend the funeral at Trinity Church. Two of the professors, Buell and Mitchell, with the senior class representing the School, accepted the invitation.

We are very happy to announce that the Methodist people at Northampton have a last obtained one of the most desirable loca tions in the town for the erection of a new church. The pastor, Rev. Frank T. Pomeroy is especially to be congratulated on such a ssful result of his faithful and persisten effort to secure in this thriving town a reputa ble church structure for our denomination.

The Christian at Work of March 19 contains a symposium on "The Coffee House very difficult question is to come before us in vs. the Saloon," with contributions from connection with the vote upon woman's Bishop Potter, Bishop Hurst, Hon. Abram 8. etatus, and we cannot begin to consider it too Hewitt, Grace R. Dodge, Helen Campbell, Z. soon. I do not write for any one party, but R. Brockway, of the Elmira Reformatory, and many other eminent persons. Thus this aim, in what I am about to say, to change a feature of social and temperance reform, now solitary vote. Our minds are already made attracting favorable attention and trial, is up; I only want to help all parties to unite in ably presented in all its important phases. Be - then do. We work out the salvation

that God works in us. A genuine experience is a preliminary and preparation for work. A sapless, lifeless tree can bear no fruit. "We ference. have no power to do good works, pleasant and acceptable to God, without the grace of God by Christ preventing us, that we may have a good will, and working with us when we have that good will " (Eighth Article of Religion). Faith, feeling, fruit, is the gracious order of things. Trust, the witness of the Spirit with our spirits that we are right with God, and good works, is the unchangeable line of progress in the divine life. Our belief enables us to be just what God wants us to be; our being just what God wants us to be enables us to do just what God wants us to do, in the way and in the spirit in which He wants it

on his district, which will appear next week, writes as follows concerning "A Pleasant Relationship: " "Your correspondent has on the eastern part of the district continuthe work of the year as far west as Harring. ton, and every minuter in the territory canvassed has received an invitation to return. Should the rest of the district follow suit and it looks quite that way now - what shall be done at Conference?

As a clever hint to the Congregation from one of its intelligent readers, we publish the following letter just as it came to us: -

" I wish you would reply to the editorial on Woman's Position in the Church, in the Congregationalist of March 12. That paper needs to be informed of the existence of Zion's Heralp and its sentiments. It ignores all those articles the latter has pul-lished in favor of admitting women to Gener lished in favor of admitting women to General Conference, and also the fact that 'many of the foremost ministers in the Methodist Church' differ with Dr. Terry, but finds, 'however,' an article 'by a Methodist clergyman in the Insterior, which is the Western organ of the Presbyterlans,' which tries to break the force of Dr. Terry's arguments, and presents admiration of women, etc.'

The Associated Press sands out the following dispatch, which was received by cable disfranchises him. Neither the General Conand which appears in the daily papers of Saturday. It is given to our readers as an important item of information: --

"The Wesleyan body is intensely excited "The Wesleyan body is intensely excited over a paper read by Prof. Davison at a meeting of the London Wesleyan ministers, in which he admitted the composite character of the Pentateuch and the double authorship of Isaiah, and held that the traditional view of inspiration is no longer tenable, and that Christians must not take up the position that their faith in Christ depended muon faith in the Scriptures, but that their faith in the duty as a Conference: stated that he never acce d the doctrine of relieved to find that Methodist standards do

General Conference question?

Is there any way to secure justice to Class not affirm definite views on inspiration." It happened very fortunately for Mr. W. usual a course?

that while traveling in Egypt in February last, he should have reached Luxor at a time way, it may be counted; but if not, then it when a most important "find" was made; may not be counted? and he has written for the Providence Journal an extremely interesting account of it. ten years ago, "a gallery containing over 200 for one hundred? bodies of the priests and priestesses of Amtreasures removed by the Egyptian officials. Case after case was brought up, splendidly the entire church. painted with hieroglyphics and figures of the gods, as bright and fresh when the dust was blown from them, as though it was the work of yesterday, yet it was the dust of 3,000 GOING BEHIND THE RETURNS. years. . . . Such a scene was never before witnessed, except, perhaps, at the finding of the royal mummies in 1881, and they were far less in number.'

The current issue of the Boston Academy, edited by Dean Alfred A. Wright, is indeed notable. In this number the Scriptural basis of the woman question is critically and comprehensively presented, Dr. Wright ranks among the best students of New Testament Greek. He does not believe that the Scriptures place a prohibition upon woman in this

"The disputant who is honest in this opinion, and who truly believes that only thus can woman be admitted to the said Conference, should dismiss the whole subject from his mind, since there is no certainty more certain than this — that the Methodist Epis copal Church, and the General Conference thereof, are in no danger of 'making yout the law of God,' or of denying the reel inspira-tion of Paul. The writer cannot be frightened by the ad captandum reasoning that would convict him of decrying the inspiration of Paul, that he may make out a case for woman. He believes that that case is already made out, and by Paul himself, and by Paul

We are glad to know that our entire ministry have been furnished with a copy of this they hold ordination papers. 4. In the issue. It can be secured of the author at 38 Bromfield St., this city.

ber of special interest. Prof. Marshall Livingston Perrin continues his series of instructvaluable " Historical Sketch of Boston University." F. A. Bayard, in writing upon journalistic intuition and grasp in a notable degree. In the editorial suggestion for a Sunday preaching service at Sleeper Hall, there is the prophecy of a matter of great import to the University and to Boston Methodism. The suggestions are so wisely and pertinently made that we give them to our read ers for serious and practical reflection : -

"Why not have Sunday preaching service serence eld age is his occasional absent-mindedness. It is teid of him that one summer day
coming in from Cambridge, after having
alighted from the car at Bowdoin Square, he
turned a sharp corner and collided with an
elderly gentleman who was standing with his

way not have Sunday preaching services
in Sleeper Hall, once a month at least? All of us would appreciate these highly. They
grow." If for years woman has scripturally
might be held during the afternoon, so as not
to interfere with the students' regular services, and would be a source of great benefit
to us. With such preachers—no, rather
lative function. But if not the latter, she
lative function. But if not the latter, she
thinkers—as Dr. Warren, Dean Huntingunscripturally exercises the former. And as

ton, Prof. Bowne, and Prof. Dorchester, the ton, Prof. Bowne, and Prof. Dorchester, the project could not fail of success. Add to this the fact that, according to the Minutes of the New England Methodist Conference, a majority of these are stationed at '12 Somerstations' and it will be seen that the Conference St., and it will be seen that the Conference has set the stamp of its approval upon the scheme. However, we should like to feel that the question of that dear lady who once that the question of that dear lady who once asked us. 'Has Boston University a church of its own? could be answered somewhat the affirmative." asked us, 'Has Bor of its own?' could

#### An Open Letter TO THE MEMBERS OF THE NEW ENGLAND CONFERENCE.

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN: It is rare, almost never, that I obtrude upon you any suggestion from the Conference floor, permit me, therefore, by the pen to say a word or two in advance of our meeting. A for all parties equally. I have no desire or wise, loyal, conscientious and right action. The parties are three: -

A. Those who believe that woman should remain eligible to the Lay Electoral Confer. ence and be made eligible to the General Con-

B. Those who believe that they should remain eligible to the Lay Riectoral Conference, but should not be made eligible to the Gen. eral Conference. C. Those who believe that they should be formally and definitely debarred from both

the Lay Riectoral and the General Confer

Let us. " for short." call them classes A

B, and C. rote on two questions. The first is: Shall the second Restrictive Rule be amended by adding the words, "and said delegates may be men or women ? " This is a fair and square Rev. J. F. Haley, presiding elder of Bucks- useue upon which Classess A, B, and C. can port District, in connection with an instal- all vote with equal readiness "Yea" or ment of items of interest from the churches "Nay." Here, therefore, there is no embar

rassment. The second question reads: "Shall women be eligible as lay delegates to the Electoral been holding the fourth quarterly meetings and General Conferences of the Methodist Episcopal Church?" This is not a fair and square issue, for the question is one that dis franchises every mar of Class B. By some unaccountable oversight, the double question was sent down and no provision made for its division. Neither the Bishop, nor our Conference, can now repair the mistake. What

Two things, perhaps more.

can be done?

First, we can decline the invitation to vote upon the objectionable question, memorializing the General Conference and respectfully and loyally stating the reasons for our

new vote upon correctly divided questions (similar to those given in the last week's HERALD), and ask the other Annual Conferences to unite with us in taking a new and fair expression of the mind of the ministry

At present I see no other way than to decline to entertain the unparliamentary question of the General Conference in case a single Conference member complains that its form ference nor the Annual Conferences, nor both combined, have any right to dustranchise one constitutional elector in our Conference either by a parliamentarily inadmissible question or by any other process. I truly wish I could see some other way of

escape, and I now write simply to ask you to consider thoughtfully and profoundly such questions as the following, and any others that may promise to throw light upon our

What would be the legal or other conse-

B among ministerial voters, and avoid so un-

G. Webster, the son of Mr. J. L. Webster, of Can Class B in any way vote under protest the Mathewson Street Church, Providence, or reserve - each man stipulating that if his vote, being counted, would turn the scale one

the constitutional franchise of its members? Not half a mile, it seems, from the spot Must it be as jealous for the rights of three as where the tomb of the kings was discovered for those of thirty? - as concerned for one as

mummies in splendid preservation - the May the Father of Lights give us the wisdom that cometh down from above, and con mon, the great divinity of Thebes, of the pe- duct us to a just and happy solution. We riod of the 21st dynasty, 1,000 or 1,100 years have to deliberate, not for our own Conference before Christ - has been opened, and the simply, but for Class B in one hundred and eleven Conferences; also for the women of

Fraternally

REV. WILDUR PLETCHER STEELE

Two noted Methodists, editor and pro

fessor, fed on foreign air - for do not these oppositionists sleep in New Jersey, and is not New Jersey traditionally out of the Union? - agonizingly warn us that the Scriptures positively forbid woman's exercise "formal authority" in the church. Temporarily a foreigner myssif also, I beg to say that, their view being true, for many a day have we all been as completely without the pale of the truly scriptural church as any papiet or high churchman has ever claimed. The exercise of judiciary and of executive functions is as certainly the exercise of " formal authority," as is the legislative, and such by the vote of men our women have exercised for years, if not from the very beginning.

women sit unchallenged. 2. As members of quarterly conferences women sit as triers of appeal from the decision of select committees. 3. As members of district conferences women have judicial authority to try suspend or expel local preachers, even when same capacity they are asked to exercise executive authority akin to that of bishops and The University Beacon for March is a num. presiding elders, for they are to arrange a plan of appointments for the local preachers. telling each one where to preach for the next ive and critical articles "About German six months. 5. Since lay representation Universities." P. N. Bemis contributes a was adopted, no one has challenged their right to sit, act and vote in the lay electors conference, which makes for them the third English and Journalism," exhibits the of the four conferences in which the latty

To claim that the granting of all these functions of " formal authority " is due to our giving woman " large liberty," and then just between the acts of electing to, and being elected te, membership on the lay side of the remaining Conference, to suddenly discover the great scriptural "Thus far and no arther!" is to evince an exegetical sense which, as they say here, " can hear the grass

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ship in a Baptist Church confers identically

the same ecclesiastical authority upon a

woman as upon a man. Are these, there-

fore, unscriptural bodies? May we learn

from our learned lay brother what function

of purely ecclesiastical authority he exer-

eised as a lay delegate to the General Confer-

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As it has been my fortune to become inti-

mately acquainted with the "substantial"

character of some sections giving huge neg-

ative majorities, I may perhaps be permitted,

as I am impelled, to lay bare the deep script-

ural insight alleged to rule in their votes.

We had a preacher in our colored Conference

who firmly believed in both Law and Gospel.

he gave her such a beating as to require his

removal to another charge. It was claimed

allowed him to chastise his wife, while Paul

required an elder to "rule well his own

house." Like our present exegetes, he had

a deep acquaintance with, and a profound

regard for, the Scriptures - in spots. He

once wrote me that he would come to our

seminary if he could complete his " theology

education in six months." Arrived, the

course for profitableness' sake finally reduced

the Bible and the outlining of sermons on

texts noted. One day he read the healing of

the sufferer at the pool of Bethesda: "And

the impudent man answered," etc. At re-

quest he gave his life-long conception of the

scene and outlined a deeply instructive and

spiritful sermon upon "Impudence, its nat-

ure, cause and cure," under the like of which

have seen altars filled and happy conver-

sions follow. On being told that however

excellent his sermon was, it was not script-

ural, his eye was called to the trisyllable, and

he was asked to correct his error. Slowly

disintegrating the word of stumbling, he re-

read: "And the smportant man answered."

And again, with eye flashing over a new

mine of truth, he gave us exegesis and ex-

hortation most clear and rousing. Driven

back, on the third reading he completely

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word "impotent," for the meaning of which

he was promptly sent to the dictionary.

While there are among this people eminent

preachers and scholars whose zeal and ac-

sion bring a perpetual blush to the Anglo

Saxon (and such, by the way, are usually

voting "aye"), yet eight| years of teaching

and examining Conference classes lead me to

of the "substantial" negative colored vote

is "submerged," to use Gen. Booth's term,

so far as true scriptural knowledge is con-

cerned For proof, see any of the appeals

tional and missionary money-raisers. It is,

however, a matter of the keenest joy to note

that in most every case the ministers are vot-

Again, here in the land of my distant fore.

their baskets by males; and eight gray-

revealed thirteen couples, apparently man

and wife, where the panting woman carried

baby, bag and bundle, while her Herr (lord)

at her side tugged away at - his cigar, and

wielded - his cane. In my "observations

abroad," I have been struck with the remark-

able shine on the boys' and men's boots, but

the mystery vanished on learning that the

women — wife, daughter or servant, according to circumstances — black all the boots.

No wonder the job is well done! The lovely

daughter of one of our preachers confided to

an American lady friend that every morning

she had to clean and polish the boots of all

her brothers and of her father, and that the

for repolishing if not glistening like glass.

atter was very particular, sending his back

Conversation has brought out the fact that

our German preachers - and there are none

nobler in the land - regard the American

rethren as unscriptural, not only in requir-

ing total abstinence and demanding prohibi-

tion, but in their effeminated marriage vow for

the woman. The "help-meet" nature of

sion. A search for the tap-root of an idea

which leosens not its grip upon the German

mind and vote even after two-score years'

a queer and little known fact, which shows

that this idea even antedates their mother's

from America the faithful German transla-

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ority" is due to our erty," and then just the lay side of the suddenly discover Thus far and no n exegetical sense can hear the grass an has scriptura recutive authority, exercise the legis. not the latter, she be former. And as during the entire official lifetime of our pres- with us Germans in the middle ages, but toent bishops men have scated women in in- day we are far behind in our treatment of creasing numbers in all of these conferences, and her hand has been unscripturally (?) on Berlin, Germany. the sacred arn, may not all our church action

have suffered taint thereby? Truly, this is The Conferences.

> NEW ENGLAND CONFERENCE. Boston District.

Preachers' Meeting. — At the usual meet. W. D. Bridge. A greeting was most co

meeting at its close. East Douglas.—The local chapter of "Thankful for my Young People's Society the Epworth League has only been known Seven Days in the Week." Bro. C. H. Hall East Douglas. - The local chapter of by number, having never been organized and officers elected. A prayer-meeting has been held every Sunday evening by the young people, however, which has been well susained, and is increasing in interest. Officers have recently been elected, who have arranged for one evening in the week to be devoted t In some little "unevenness" with his wife Bible study; also a literary program, including lectures once a month, and plans for outside, aggressive Christian work, besides church decoration and improvement. The

> for doing good in His name. Lynn District.

Reading. - The pastor, Rev. F. N. Upham, has been cordially and unanimously invited to return for the fourth year.

their privileges in Christ and opportunities

Ipswich. - The Epworth League at this church has about 110 members. It celebrated the John Wesley centennial with appropriate League Convention was held, March 4, in exercises at the regular monthly meeting,

RE-DEDICATION IN WINCHESTER, MASS. Methodism in Winchester has come to stay. It has enlarged its borders, driven its stakes down deeper and deeper, and beautified its home without and within. Thursday, March 19, was a red-letter day for the Winchester Church. It signalized the completion of their church edifice and its transformation from an inferior, unattractive build. ing to a very gem of a structure. By a wise forethought the original builders had selected one of the finest locations in this most beautiful of New England towns. It had long been evident that the church was unequal to its surroundings and its privileges. Under the rise guidance of the pastor, Rev. Geo. H. Perkins, the trustees determined on certain mprovements. The church has been turned around to bring the front to the street; ample ground has been purchased to provide for any future enlargement; and the entire building rejuvenated externally and internalthe painful statement that at least one-half ly. Upon entering the auditorium one is

struck with the perfect harmony in color and design which pervades the interior. Over each window and door is a delicate tracery; the walls are of a deep shade of brown verging on terra cotta, with a band of delicate green and brown above the woodwork. A broad conventionalized band borders the sloping ceiling on each side, which ing "aye" in greater proportion than did terminates at the apex in a rich band of blue and gold. The recess back of the pulpit is their people, and in this respect are excelling finished in a delicate robin's egg bine and tints of brown. Over the pulpit is a deep and elaborate border, with an oil painting of fathers, I have become very pleasantly ac a cluster of lilies above the centre. The organ, which is one of Hutchings' best, and was or two things. I refer to the Germans, who provided by the ladies, has exposed pipes finished to match the decorations of the house. more unanimously and solidly than any other section vote "nay." To most of us this The carpet is of pleasing pattern, and is a is a surprise and grief, but it has its hidden fitting complement to wall and ceiling. A two other benevolent causes. reasons. An hour's morning walk in this cap- handsome oak pulpit set surmounts the platform. The vestry is tinted in shades up with one or two dogs, hauling heavy coal brown, and the ladies' parlor and library are provision wagons in the slimy street; one, finished with the same notable taste displayed wooden-shod and sacking-clad, handing in the rest of the house. The whole of the inbricks in line across the sidewalk from wagon terior, while inexpensive, is something of a new structure; three carrying coals into reveiation in the way of decoration. The simhouses and up-stairs, the same shoveled into plicity and beauty of the design, the warmth of tone, and the artistic disposal of the tints, haired women bent to a right angle under the give a sense of satisfaction and completeness. weight of well-loaded two-bushel baskets. The windows are of rippled glass of simple A walk to church on a Sunday afternoon

and harmonious designs. It is, perhaps, needless to add that the general result is an expression of the exquisite taste and skill of the pastor and his able wife, who were wisely deferred to in the matter of decoration. While the members of the church. who are limited in number, have been generous in their contributions, it is pleasant to learn that the people of the town, without distinction of sect, have vied with each other in giving generous aid to the work. The pastor has found the work of solicitation a most pleasant one, and the people have only waited to learn his wants to respond cheerfully and generously. Happy the pastor, and happy the people, whose lot is cast in a community whose unstinted generosity knows no limit of denominational lines! It ought to be stated that Bro. Perkins has greatly endeared himself to the people of Winchester during his stay there by often serving them in times of affliction when the other churches have been pas-

While all these changes have been going on, the church has not faltered in its spiritual work, many accessions having been made, and the church has been able to join in Wesley's ecstatic cry, "The best of all is, God is

breathing the oxygenated Methodist air of The afternoon service was simple and im-New England and the West, brought to light pressive, and Rev. W. N. Brodbeck led the audience spiritually from Matt. 27: 42, emphamilk. The Bremen Book Concern imports sixing, 1. The unconscious evidence of Christ's enemies to His divine mission; 2. The physical tion of the Discipline in quantity sufficient power of Christ to deliver Himself, had it not been in contravention of the Divine plan; 3. for the preachers, but it is doubtful if there are as many more copies in the hands of the Self-sacrifice the condition of saving others. aity. In Bremen or somewhere this side the The sermon was practical, devout and Biblical, cean, a few pages of a new marriage ritual, holding the close attention of the people.

The ladies provided a most generous and very end of the book, reading very nearly appetizing supper in the vestry, where the like the form in the body of the book through well-filled tables were rapidly depleted. Adthe question to the groom. But at this point of the Village Improvement Society, Mr. S. ing." The happy bride is exhorted to give W. Twombly, of Winchester, Mr. H. N. "loud yes," not to the question like the Turner, of St. Johnsbury, Vt., a former pafroom's and printed in the regular rubric, rishioner, Mrs. Frank L. Ripley, in behalf of Wilt thou love and honor him?" etc., but, the ladies, and Rev. Messrs. Cheney, Mans-Wilt thou be obedient to him, serve him field, and Leonard representing former pas the gehoream sein, ihm dienen], love and tors. Bro. Perkins gave a brief historical honor him ?" etc. It is extremely doubtful sketch of the society, but the usual episode of It a woman or a layman here in wedding debt raising was happily dispensed with. In ever dreamed but that the Methodist Episco-Church demands of the woman this gratulations were bestowed with warmth and vile vow as an essential condition in the with an entire absence of that spirit which arriage contract. The discovery of the would ask due credit for favors done. The stick caused intense stir and revulsion among evening ended with a successful concert and

organ recital. The contractor for the work of remodeling frounds than we, it is needless to ask farther is Frank Greydon, of Woburn; foundations by all German Conferences solidly vote by Thos. Quigley, of Winchester; decorators,

Day," or, as they term it, against the Allen & Hall, of Boston. mancipation of women (Frauen Emancipation), or to suggest that Conferences where organ, and whose work has been unceasing; the scales have fallen from men's eyes, must to the members of the church, who, one and fole "aye" even more solidly. In his lect- all, have labored with all their strength and on Ethics a few days ago, said even bave given generously of their means; and to Professor Pfleiderer: "I am ashamed of the pastor, who has been the animating spirit, my country in comparison with America in all praise is due for the very satisfactory re ar attitude toward woman. It was not so suits attained.

Springfield District.

The Epworth League of the Springfield District is pushing the work of the young people by a series of "Group Meetings," to be held at different places over the district, These meetings are arranged for by the officers of the district, calling to their assistance the Leagues of each group.

The first was held in the Warren Church, Jan. 21, fifteen or more of our young people's societies being present and participa in the meeting. The services opened at 10 A. M. with devotional exercises, led by Rev. ing on Monday morning, Rev. Dr. J. O. ly and felicitously extended by Rev. W. C. Knowles read a strong, thoughtful, and discriminating paper on "The Scripture Doc- G. W. Simonson. An hour was then spent trine of Hell; its Place in the Pulpit." in hearing reports of the work of the va-A vote of thanks was tendered him by the rious Leagues, after which Bro. T. C. Martin gave a rich and suggestive address on spoke on " How Young People can Help the Work on Financial Lines." The afternoon session opened with a rousing love-feast led by Rev. P. Webber. This was one of the best love-feasts the writer ever attended. Several then spoke on the Junior League work, after which Mrs. L. L. Beeman gave an address on "The Young Women in the Church." The department work was represented by Revs. C. A. Littlefield and G. H. Clarke, the former the departments of Mercy and Help and Entertainment, and the latter pastor, Rev. I. A. Mesler, and his wife have those of Literary and Christian Work. At a o'clock Rev. C. A. Littlefield conducted a will meet the candidates of their respective classes at the M. E. Church, in New London, Conn., Tuesbeen untiring in their efforts to bring the young people, as well as older ones, to realize question-drawer, unfolding and settling all the knotty points requiring solution. In the evening, after devotional exercises led by Rev. F. M. Miller, H. A. Hamblett gave the History of the Strickland Epworth League," and Rev. L. H. Dorchester addressed the people on "Some Phases of the Epworth League."

> Holyoke. - A Neighborhood Epworth the First Methodist Church in Holyoke. The Leagues from the following places were included: First Church and the Highlands, Holyoke, and Chicopee, Chicopee Falls, East Longmeadow, South Hadley Falls, and Easthampton. Two sessions were held, and Rev G. C. Osgood was chosen president of the day. In the afternoon favorable reports were heard from all the Leagues. Following this papers were read on the "Epworth Wheel." by Rev. Garrett Beekman, of Chicopee Falls; Miss Carrie Thorpe, of Holyoke; Rev. C. W. Hawkins, of South Hadley Falls; and Judge Hitchcock, of Chicopee. Later a question drawer was conducted by Dr. David Sher-

The evening service was opened with a praise-service led by Mr. E. T. Bates, secretary of the Y. M. C. A. of Holyoke. Addresses were made by Rev. W. S. Fritch, of

N. E. SOUTHERN CONFERENCE.

Norwich District. The funeral services of Rev. L. D. Bentley Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society, the American Bible Society, and one or

lows: President, Costello Lipp tt; vice-president, Chas. W. Hopkins; secretary, W. W. Ives; treasurer, John Troland; directors, Wm. Fairbanks, Frank H. Allen, E. B. Worthington, Wm. McNelly, and F. H.

At the fourth quarterly conference recently held in Hazardville, the presiding elder was requested by a cordial and unanimous vote to gates free, but the purpose to make this anniverreturn the present pastor, Rev. W. J. Smith,

Providence District.

Mr. H. C. Perry presented a fine hymnbook bound in Russia leather, and Mr. H [Continued on Page 8.]

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HERALD CALENDAR.

SPRING CONFERENCES - 1891. CONFERENCE. PLACE. TIME. BISHOP Delaware, Cambridge, Md., Ap'l 1, Mailaile Delaware, Cambridge, Md., Ap'l 1, Mailaileu
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N. Hampshire, Newport, N. H., "Ib, Foster
Troy, Johnst'wn, N. Y., "22, Hurst
Maine, Brunswick, Me., "22, Foster
Vermont, Northfield, Vt., "B, Mallalieu
East Maine, Damarise'ta, Me., "39, Foster

Money Letters from March 16 to 23. MODET Letters from March 16 to 33.

John Bowen, Mrs H R Burgess, Geo A Barrett, E O Bass, B Judd, E W Burke, D C Bsboock, J F Brant, C H Bürgess. Rob't Clark, W H Chapman, J E Chickering, Luther Covington, C S Cummings, G E Chapman, N B Cook, Frank Crane, Mrs H A Creelman, J W C Coxe. C M Dissmore, H H Dunham. S F Emerson, T J Everett. A L Farrar, J K Greene, D B Griffiths, W M Green. Jos Hollingshead, S R Hornbrook, Willis Holmes, I P Humphrey, W P Hyde, C M Hinckley, J R Hinck-Humphrey, W P Hyde, C N Hinckiey, J R Hinch-cliffe. H Q Judd. A S Ladd, E C Langford, W W Lucas, WA Lang, JB Lapham. WH Moore, Mrs CF Murphy, SE Moore, HW Miller, EM Mills. A W L Nelson. B D Paine, Mrs L L Patten, G R Palmer, A W Partch, P. B. Parrish, G A Phinney. E A Porter. Lyman Ridley, F C Rogers, G W Reynolds, S E Rich, D K Steison, H M Sessions, Semerville Y. M. C. A., T Stevens, D Sherman, O L Shepard, J A Shedd, Ella F Sanborn, H B Sears, W C Sawyer, H E Spaulding. J W Treadwell, The Tyrie. Vaktaren. J R Woodcock.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PREACH-ERS' AID SOCIETY OF THE NEW ENGLAND CONFERENCE. — The annual meeting of this Society will be held, March 20, at 3.30 p. m., in the Committee Boom of the Wesleyan Building, No. 36 Bromfield \$1., Boston. It is important there should be a full attendance.

A. S. WEED, Sec'y.

DEDICATION. — The new chapel of the Orient Heights M. E. Church will be opened next Sanday, March 29, for regular presching services. Rev. Bishop W. F. Mallallen, D. D., will preach the opening sermon at 3 p. m., and the presiding elder, Rev. J. H. Mansfield, D. D., will preach in the evening at 7.30 o'clock.

BROCKTON AND VICINITY PREACH-ERS' MEETING. - The next meeting will be held at Whitman, April 6. Rev. S. T. Patterson will read a paper on "The Pastor, His Duty," etc. L. M. FLOCKES, Sec'y.

BOSTON PREACHERS' MEETING. - Rev Dr. Townsend will address the meeting, next-Monday, on his "Recent Trip through Mexico." C. H. HANAFORD, Sec'y.

W. H. M. S. — The second quarterly meeting of the W. H. M. S. will be held Wednesday, April I, in Grace Church, Worcester. The morning ses-sion, opening at 10 o'clock, will be devoted to busiston, opening at 10 o'clock, will be devoted to business and reports. At 2 o'clock, the meeting will be addressed by Mrs. James Mather on "The Mountain Whites of the South," and by Mrs. C. L. Eastman on "Immigration." Mrs. Prof. O. A Curtis will read an original story. Lunch will be provided at noon by the ladies of the church. Train leaves B. & A. R. R. station at 9 a. m. All are invited to both sessions.

T. M. BARBER, Sec'y.

NEW HAMPSHIRE CONFERENCE - R. R. BATES TO NEWPORT.— The Boston & Maine, and the Concord & Montreal will sell round trip tickets for 2 cents per mile. The Ashuelot will sell round trip tickets to Keene; the Cheshire to Bellows Falls; and the Connecticut River to Claremont Junction - each 2 cents per mile. Tickets good from April 18 to 21.

The examination of the class for Local Dea-con's orders will be held on Tuesday. April 7, at 2 p. m., in the First Church, Lynn FAYETTE NICHOLS, for the Com.

The examination of Local Preachers who are candidates for Eider's orders will occur in the Common Street Church, Lynn, at 1.30 p. m., Tuesday, April 7. All who wish to present themselves for examination are requested to appear at the time designated A. H. HERRICK, for the Com.

NEW ENGLAND SOUTHERN CONFERat the M. m. Oats day, April 14, at 9 a. m. 8. O. BENTON, Conf. Sec'y

IMPORTANT NOTICE BAKER MEMO-RIAL CHURCH, DORCHESTER. - The church is nearly ready for the pews and other furnishing ment of Mrs. Micah Dver, ir. Solicitors in vario churches (so far as they are glad to aid) are to secure, from as many people as possible, \$1 con-tributious toward the furnishing of this church. To each contributor will be issued a certificate e

N. E. CONFERENCE - BAILBOAD PARES for delegates and visitors to the New England Con-ference, to convene at Lynn, April 8: —

the various churches will do more than simply

On the B. & A. R. R.: To Lynn and return sold April 6 to 15; return to April 17.

(going April 7 to 14, inclusive, returning until the 15th, inclusive), as follows:— Worcester, via Boston, \$1.70; Ayer, via Boston, the Highlands, Holyoke; Mr. C. McKennon, \$1.85: Barre, via Boston, \$2.25; Berlin, via Boston the Highlands, Holyoke; Mr. C. McKennon, of Mitteneague, district secretary of the Epworth League; Rev. Geo. H. Clarke, of Chicopee; and Rev. C. W. Hawkins, of South Hadley Falls. The League of the entertaining church furnished supper, and a very enjoyable social time was had between the sessions.

Mrs. C. W. Hawkins, Sec.

Mrs. C. W. Hawkins, Sec. vale, \$1; Beverly, \$5c.; Cheisea, \$0c.; Dynetd, via Danvers, \$1; Olffondale, \$5e; Essex, 70c.; Ham-liton, \$5c.; Everett, \$0c.; Gloucester, \$0c.; Grove-land, \$1; Ipswich, 70c.; Lawrence, \$1; Malden, via E. Div., \$0c.; Maplewood, \$5c.; Medford, 70c.; Melrose, \$5c.; Middleton, \$0c.; Newburyport, \$1; No. Andover, \$1; No. Reading, via B

The Methodist Social Union of Norwich and vicinity has, through its secretary, W. Lynn Common Church, promises this year to be an occasion of superior attraction. Tue-day even-W. Ives, extended an invitation to Bishop ing has been selected for the annual meeting of the Bowman to be present at a reception to be Epworth League. Bishop Bowman and Rev. Dr. tendered him at some time in the month of J. F. Berry, editor of the Epworth Herald, are to April. The Bishop has replied signifying his pleasure to accept the cordial invitation. The officers of the Union for the ensuing year were of the Union for the ensuing year were musical program. Several of the churches are elected a short time since, and are as fol- preparing banners, which are to be brought by

their delegates.

The Conference officers of the League are anxious to have our churches very generally present on this occasion. There are many churches too far away to be represented conveniently, but cannot such churches make an extra effort to send at least one delegate? If you will notify the under signed, he will provide, as economically as possi-ble, accommodations for you at your own expense. Lypn would cheerfully have entertained all delegates free, but the purpose to make this anniver-sary representatively New England, and not con-fined to Boston and vicinity, was conceived too late. Let us begin a new era in our Methodism as young people of our churches, and, even if we live at a distance, send annually to Conference one lelegate, if not the legal quota of delegates as suggested in the official call just sent to you

Twe or three things are asked of each of th local Leagues: Please appoint your delegates at once, and report their names to your Secretary at Salem. Consider immediately, if not hitherto, the practicability of making a banner to be the permanent ensign of your chapter. The skill of the needle and the brush among our young folks is abundant; use it. Put upon it the name of your church and number of your chapter, and whatever else necessary, if it will artistically bear it, and come to wave it in the face of Him who is worthy of our "Hosanna in the highest." Salem, Mass. GEORGE A. PHINNEY.

Marriages.

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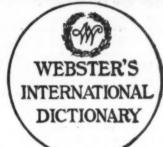
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So many railroad stocks which a few years age paid excellent dividends now pay much smaller ones or none at all, that careful investors have come to look elsewhere for a field for investment and the various industrial stocks have become popular with these people. An industrial company that manufactures an article for which there is a constant and increasing demand will, with proper management, necessarily make money. A good instance is the "NEW ENGLAND AUTO-GRAPHIC REGISTER CO.," which has been n operation about a year. It manufactures an article of such obvious usefulness to thousands of business men that the success of the company was AUTOGRAPHIC REGISTERS are made in varieties of business; but the one most often noticed is that used for recording sales in retail stores. It is a little metallic case resting upon the counter, with a paper check exposed upon the top. Upon this check the salesman puts down the proper record of the sale. By proper combination of rollers and inked ribbons the simple writing with a lead pencil makes an impression on three different checks. One the salesman does up with the article purchased, the second is sent to the bookkeeper, and the third remains in the machine, to be sent later to the auditing department. The utility of the machine consists in two things—the rapidity with which a sale is three times recorded, and the absolute accuracy which this system effects, it is impossible for dishonest or carciess work to go undetected and the detection of one error will often pay the rental of the machine for years. The New England Autographic Register Company does not sell these machines outright, but leases them, the same as the Bell Telephone and other hindred companies, in this way greatly increasing its profits. It has 5,000 of these machines already in use, and they are to be seen in all the leading a torse of the city. In order to increase the leading stores of the city. In order to increase the leading stores of the city. In order to increase its operations immediately, the company is offering, through the well-known brokers, AMELUNG & CO., of the Ames Building, 5,000 SHARES of the Stock at the par value, \$10 per Share. It is expected by the company, and by the many investors who have already subscribed for share, and it is confidently predicted by the expert secontant who has looked over the books for the past year, that the stock will pay not less than 10 PEE CENT. with a great probability that it will Church Remodeling,
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#### WHITE AND RED.

[The following are selections, arranged for Sunday readings, illustrating the thoughts symbolized by the colors of that as a reward better than any other. Sunday, April 5.

Up and down our lives obedient alk, dear Christ, with footsteps radiant, Till those garden lives shall be Fair with duties done for Thee; And our thankful spirits say, Christ arose on Easter Day.

-Phillips Brooks.

So near stand grief and joy, despair and triumph. Between them lies the sepulchre. your friend, and do not expect him to be your ser-On the earthward side of the sepulchre is vant, nor let him expect you to be his. - Selected. What has the world to give but death! Only a few years, a generation of longing and effort, and then the end, the end of death. But on the heavenward side is life. Our friends are not in the grave; they have passed beyond it; they have entered into the only true life. Christ was the first-fruits, and after Him came the harvest. On Easter Sunday the Lord rose, and doubt all fled. Now life and immortality are brought to light. Now we know in whom we have believed. — Independent.

Thine, O death, was the furrow; we cast therein our precious seed. Now let us wait and see what God shall bring forth for us. A single leaf falls - the bud at its axil will shoot forth many leaves. The husbandman bargains with the year to give back a hu dred grains for each one buried. Shall God be less generous? Yet, when we sow, our hearts think that beauty is gone out, that all is lost. But when God shall bring again to our eyes the hundred-fold beauty and sweet-ness of that which we planted, how shall we shame over that dim faith, that having eyes saw not, and ears heard not though all Beecker. heaven and all the earth appeared and spake

#### Sunday, April 12.

Now let me come nearer, O Lord divine! Make in my soul for Thyself a shrine; Cleanse, till the desolate place shall be Fit for a dwelling, dear Lord, for Thee! Rear, if thou wilt, a throne in my breast, Reign, I will worship and serve my Guest.
While Thou art in me — and in Thee I abide

- Mary Lowe Dickinson.

Many of you, nay, most of you, know full well what it is to have a sepulchre in the garden of your lives. You know the shado that it sheds over all the pleasant alleys and how it changes the place for you into some-thing other than it was. But there is another aspect. Not a spot in all the enclosure brought to Joseph of Arimathea so enduring joy as the very place he had builded for sor-row. And the sepulchre in your garden may do the same for you. It may be a resurrection spot for your soul. Out of this sorrow which wraps you round, you may rise into a purer and serener day. The rolling of the great stone to the door may mark the finishng and hiding away of one portion of your and the rolling of that stone away on the third morning may be the commencement of a higher and more consecrated one. And if this be the case, then the sepulblessed of all. Its joy will reach farther, shine clearer, endure longer, than any belonging to the hours when your garden knew no tomb. Using your sorrow aright, it may teach you, as it has taught many,

O deem not they are blest alone Whose lives a peaceful tenor keep; For God, who pities man, hath shown A blessing for the eyes that weep.

- Dr. G. L. Walker.

#### Sunday, April 19.

No doubt the crocus and its companions have found it dark and a little rough and chilly down under the garden mold. Very alight were the delicate tendrils, very tender the starting shoots that persisted, under dif-ficulties, in coming up. Very different was ficulties, in coming up. Very different was the world down there at the dark starting-place, from the sunlit space above. But the crocus was in earnest. Its companions as well as itself meant to arise, and it used its aspirations and its patience and its floral push, and came to blossom out its fragrance and its gladness. Can we do less in our own The crocus in one sense could not re-We alone and others like us can hold his beams would draw us to the light and warmth and free unfolding of heaven-endowed asibilities? Are we all blossoming all the help and sweetness into our homes that we intended to? The crocus does not wait to be placed in public gardens, but comes up where it feels the call. And there are "the their lesson. Shall we not be care-free, joyful-hearted in all our households? And households so is the great, wide world. - Illustrated Christian Weekly.

They hold me in bewildering gloom; Come, Thou, my stumbling steps to meet, And lift me into larger room! The dearest voice may lead astray; Speak Thou! Thy word my guide shall be, Oh, not from life and men, away, But through them, with them, up to Thee!

It is not much these hands can do; Keep Thou my spirit close to Thine, Till every thought Thy love throbs through,

#### Sunday, April 26.

There is no beautifier of complexion, or form, or behavior, like the wish to scatter joy and not pain around us. - R. W. Emerson.

Leaning on Him, make with reverent meekness
His own thy will,
And with strength from Him shall thy utter weak-

ness Life's task fulfil.

The He does not need to transplant us into i different field, but right where we are, with just the circumstances that surround us, He upon us, and transforms the very things that upon us, and transforms the very things that it to the chimney of the little red house. were before our greatest hindrances, into the chiefest and most blessed means of our his mamma, he selected for his text: Freely chiefest and most blessed means of our growth... No difficulties in your case can baffle Him. No dwarfing of your growth in years that are past, no apparent dryness of your inward springs of life, no crookedness or deformity in any of your past development, can in the least mar the perfect work that He will accomplish, if you will only put yourselves absolutely into His hands, and let Him have His own way with you. — H. W. S.

#### GOOD WORDS FOR GIRLS. -Your mother is your best friend.

- Have nothing to do with girls who snub their parents.

-Tell the pleasantest things you know when at

- Do not expect your brother to be as dainty as

- Exercise, and never try to look as if you were in delicate health.

- Introduce every new acquaintance to your - Don't think it necessary to get married

There is plenty of room for old maids, and they

are often happier than wives. -Range the pleasures provided for you by your parents to the fullest extent. They will like in Howard.

spoil you by fairly returning his devotion and af fection.

--- Never think von can afford to be dowdy at home. Cleanliness, hair well-dressed and a smile will make a calico look like silks and satins to father or brother.

- Do not quarrel with your brother; do not preach at him, and do not coddle him. Make him

#### EASTER DAWN.

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O Easter dawn, glad Easter dawn! The shadows of the night are furled, And morning lights the waking world; The watch is passed, the guard withdrawn!

The nonderous stone is rolled away From rifted tomb where slept the Slain Our risen Lord comes forth again. And earth is glad on Easter day.

O Hope of Earth immortal born ! Our faith with rapture soars and sings. And heaven is stirred with vibrant wings Above the happy Raster morn!

#### SIMKINS' EASTER COLLECTION.

TRS. SIMKINS had listened attentively L to the eloquent sermon, after the manner of most men as well as women. She looked hard at the preacher while she decided that if Amelia's brown dress was made over like Kitty Lynn's it would be as good as new. Then she was sure her old cloak would make day I had an opportunity to make some sacria spring jacket for Bess, and by the time fice money. Mrs. Brown offered me a dollar finally, brethren," was reached, Mrs. Simkins had planned all the spring sewing, provided for the new bonnets, and cleaned house in the bargain. Yet she knew enough about ours," put in Willie.
"What's that?" asked Mr. Simkins, who the sermon to join in her husband's criticism as they walked home,

"It is quite an idea, his preaching a mis- Hart fell short of carpet-rags for her new carsionary sermon three weeks before the col- pet and wanted to buy some from me. lection. I don't like this making Easter mis- gave us the job of sewing them, so Willie and sionary day," Mr. Simkins said. "It's the I have made nearly a dollar that way." time you women want spring fixings, and then some one has to be hired to help clean little for cigars, but once in a while smoke house, and there's always a new carpet or one or treat, and I find by putting the money curtain wanted then, and - and "-

"We are all a little bilious," put in rougish Bess, seeing he was pushed for an excuse. "Well," he laughed, "you girls leave

nothing for the heathen." Sunday was the only day the family wa all together for dinner, so Mrs. Simkins made that a regular feast, and generally she was the one who "took turns" staying at home and cooking all the morning.

Isn't that lamb roasted right?".
Amelia, the young lady daughter. "Yes, dear," Mrs. Simkins replied; "but

the last remark our pastor made set me centre table, and from time to time pennies, thinking. Henry, do you know how it is we live so well and the girls make such a good appearance on your small salary?" she

asked, looking at her husband. "Yes, if you will fish on Sunday, it's because my wife is the best manager in the

world," was his ready answer. Mr. Curtis said this morning. He wanted us to plan and save for the Easter collection. making it a special subject of prayer. Now, we are all interested in missions, but we never plan for that in our family expenses, and when the collection is taken you give only a dollar, and we do not make any pledges. Why, our extras for Sunday often cost over a dollar. Pa, we ought to give twenty dollars a year for missions." When Mrs. Simkins was awake she was Aus der Ohe.

very much in earnest, and the minister's emark and closing prayer had stirred her heart to its depths. "Don't cut our Sunday dinners," said Howard, holding out his plate for re-enforce-

"Never mind. when I get well I'll be a missionary.' "You can help be one now, dear," said Mrs. Simkins, looking fondly at the baby of the family, who was so delicate it was a concentre-table, and plan to put something in it each week, all the year round, for the Easter collection. We can't get very much, perhaps, in three weeks, but we will do what we can.

in some of it."

"The Lord requires only one-tenth, my on," said Mr. Simkins.

"Oh, papa, let me s'prise Him doing more than He requires," begged Willie. So Willie's hoarded dollar, grandpa's Christmas present, began the Easter collec-

for my bicycle," said Howard, not to be outdone by his little brother.

"Well, here's the dollar I always give,"
said Mr. Simkins; "I can't promise any more

Well, each one plan as you like, but

they rose from the table. joke of the family, as it stood by the family Bible on the table. Willie had written a motto in his big straggling letters, and tied

gave me, so here it goes in Willie's bank," said Bess, who had, after much auxious thought, gotten the three-button gloves and handed the extra twenty-five cents to Willie. "I sold some of my old school-books, so that I can give you a little change," said

week (my besetting sin), so here's the ten cents, Willie," saia Amelia. "You have your music scholars, and Bess gets money from Aunt Lizzie, and papa

makes money at the store, and Howard works Saturdays, but mamma and I can't earn money," sighed Willie. noney," sighed Willie.
"I think mamma earns more than her

board," laughed Mr. Simkins.
"Well, that's all she gets," declared Willie. "And she can't sacrifice on finery, for she lets you girls have all the new clothes," put ter once lived in a parsonage which was much too

Never mind my money, I'll surprise you that as a reward better than any other.

— Most fathers are inclined to over-indulge their daughters. Make it impossible for your father to spoil you by fairly returning his devotion and af spoil you by fairly returning his devotion and af

> bank seemed to fairly haunt his dreams One day Mrs. Simkins noticed that Bess took up the little bank several times, putting it down with a sober face. Now Bess was a regular little miser. She hoarded every ing goods; and finally the boy declared that he would cent she could get, and being fortunate run away to sea if he could not go to college. It was enough to have been named for a rich aunt, a time of great anxiety to the father and mother. she often received spending money from her. "There, mamma, it's done," she cried at last. "You know I've been saving my money for a new white dress with a solid embroidery skirt. Well, I've concluded to get a plain one, and put the difference in the Easter col-

"I subscribed for a missionary paper today," Mr. Simkins said one evening, want to know about where our money is going, Willie."
"I got a splendid book from the library this week," said Amelia. "'Lives of Missionary Heroes.' It made me feel like going

"If the whole church would have a week of self-denial, like the Salvation Army, once a year, how much money the missionary cause would get," said Mrs. Simkins thought-"We have one more week till Easter." "Let's try it," suggested Amelia; and so they did; but being a family that indulged in few luxuries, there was not very much more gained. They cheerfully gave up the dainty desserts Mrs. Simkius was so famous studied with intense interest the missionary paper,

Bess gave up the concert her father had promised her, and Amelia walked to her music scholars instead of riding, while the boys each found some small way of sacrifice.

asked Amelia, one evening. plants are my special pride, and tofor my fuchsia and another for three other choice plants, so I have something for Easter all my own," was the answer. "Oh, mamma, the carpet-rag money is

had just come in.

Mrs. Simkins laughed as she replied : "Mrs. "I have made over a dollar in another way," said Mr. Simkins. "You know I care

in my vest pocket I have saved something for Easter, as well as kept off a bad habit." Easter morning the little red bank was unlocked and the money counted. Just think of it! Twenty dollars and eighty-five cents from a family who were always too poor to give more than a dollars year! It was decided that the father and mother each give \$5, leaving \$2.50 apiece for the rest, while the \$5

cents would be given to the Sunday-school

"Papa, don't you think this has been a hap-py Easter?" Amelia asked that evening. "Yea," he answered. "Our little sacrifices made our hearts ready for the blessed day. I will never say again, daughter, we are too poor to help the missionary cause." So the little red bank kept its place on the dimes, and even dollars fell into it, and often with a prayer for God's blessing on the missionary cause. Long before Easter lilies bloomed again, frail little Willie had gone to the home the risen Saviour had prepared for him, but the good work went on in his name, and the little red bank became too small to hold all loving hearts were prompted to give, world," was his ready answer.

for they remembered each day what they

if always plan ahead for everything, often read through tears — Willie's text: "Freely ye have received, freely give."
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#### ABOUT WOMEN.

- Miss Charlotte Gregg, recently appointed in structor on the piano in the Chicago Conservatory of Music, is said to be the youngest teacher ever assigned to so responsible a position. Western people think her the peer of Mme. Rive-King and Frauleir

- Miss Laura Fry, the teacher of wood carving at Chautauqua, has lately become the principal of the art school at Purdue University, at Lafayette, Ind. The peculiar blending of the ground colors characteristic of the famous Rockwood potteries, at Cincinnati, is produced by a method discovered and scape. patented by Miss Fry.

stant source of anxiety to his parents. "Lend most subscribers to the Ladies' Home Journal, bave us your red bank, and we'll keep it on the just been made. Over four hundred girls competed. most subscribers to the Ladies' Home Journal, bave The first prize, a complete education at any American college, was given to Miss Grace Patterson, of Beaver Palls, Pa., who secured 1,148 yearly sub will take your dollar out, but you may put scriptions to the Home Journal. Miss Elizabeth C. Morrell, of Omaha, Neb., who obtained 1,033 sub- marriage. Oh, mamma, do let me leave it in!" cried scriptions, and Miss Alice Maud Barbour, of An-Willie, forgetting his pie and orange as he ran for his little red bank. sonia, Conn., who obtained 1,022 subscriptions, have secured a single year's college training.

A daily paper, commenting upon the late Na-

"If the National Council of Progressive Women just held in Washington had done nothing else in the line of be tering the condition of the sex, it would still deserve to be held in grateful remembrance for what it has said and done toward introducing a business garb for women. Women are in the business field to stay. They are filling a hundred vocations in which they were strangers a decade ago. They are performing therein useful work—mental, manual or physical—quite as well as men could do it; but they have been and still are handicapped by an these hard times."

"I can't promise any more these hard times."

"I suppose I could give you fifty cents and use two yards less of ribbon on my new dress," said Amelia.

"I could get a cheaper pair of gloves, but I hate less than four buttons," said Bess, who was almost sixteen, and was devoted to fine

- Writing in World Wide Missions regarding every time you can save even a cent, put it the sudden death of Mrs. Headland, the wife of the in our Easter bank," said Mrs. Simkins, as young missionary who so recently went to China, Louise K. Taft gives the following pathetic particu-

means in a heathen land. At home everything is done for you; here everything must be done by ourselves. That night a number of us met in Dr. Pilcher's study and made the coffin. We covered it Pilcher's study and made the colm. We covered it on the outside with black broadcloth and inside with white silk over layers of cotton. We were working till after eleven o'clock at night. The Inneral was the next day at eleven o'clock. Mrs. Denby, the American Minister's wife, sent some beautiful white American Minister's wife, sent some beautiful white chrysanthemums, which we made into a wreath and two bonquets, and put upon the coffin. The services were held in Mr. Lowry's parior, which was well filled. They were conducted by Mr. Lowry, Dr. Pilcher, and Mr. Taft. At their conclusion, the coffin was carried out of the house and placed on long red

oward.

I little English cemetery, where we laid her to rest, to over the property, and get an estimate. As it is, we must simply return thanks in this general way.

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#### ANSWERED PRAYERS.

MISS LAURA M. LATIMER.

TN the State of New York is a little village nestling among the hills. Near by is a river, where the high, rugged rocks and rainbow falls have a wildness small for his increasing family. His salary was hardly sufficient to feed and clothe the six little chil-They all good-naturedly agreed to this, though Howard declared he would be thankand the father found it hard to control the impetuous ful when Easter came, for Willie's little red boy, who would not brook delay. He was at work in a store, but complaints came constantly from the merchant that he was more interested in his books. which he concealed behind the counter, than in selling goods; and finally the boy declared that he would They could never expect to feed and clothe and educate six children on a preacher's salary in those days. After much worry and planning and anxious thought they could see no way out of the perplexity, and so they dropped the burden that they could not carry, and gave their children to the Lord for special work in His service, with earnest prayer and as careful king's. The children grew to realize more and more continuous supply of spiritual benefits. that the prayers of their parents followed them constantly.

In those days people knew but little about misfully scattered the Missionary Advocate among the girl in his congregation into whose heart the preacher's words sank deeply. She eagerly listened, and for making, and the price of a pound of but- with its strange pictures of lands and people beyond ter, a dozen eggs, and several pounds of the sea, and always as she gased upon those dark sugar was added to the fund. pictures of heathen cruelty a feeling came to her, a dim foreshadowing of the future, that some time she herself would sit under those palm-trees in India. As the years passed by, and there seemed no way to real-"Mamma, where's your lovely fuchsia?" ize the dreams of her childhood, she forgot her early resolve to be a missionary. But one day, years afterward, just a few weeks before she graduated in the defeat." nedical college, suddenly the forgotten vows of her childhood came to her. The rush of recollections came like a revelation, and in a flash she realized the first lady physician sent to beathen lands from America as a medical missionary. The daughter of blessed benediction to all. her early pastor said to her, at How were you led to become a missionary? " She replied. " It was your father who did it; the result of his labor and prayers."

The faithful minister lived to see his prayers an swered also in a remarkable way in his own family. His sons became ministers of the Gospel, and his youngest daughter a missionary. His eldest son was the late Dean of the Theological Seminary of Boston University, a school which has sent scores of missionaries to foreign lands - to China, India, Japan, Mexico, South America, and to the islands of the son. - Mussionary Leview.

### A THOUGHT OF THE RESURRECTION.

The builte that were hid in the darkness, Through the winter-time and the snow, Have felt the thrill of the sunlight, Their hour to bloom they know. Purple and gold and scarlet To the glory of Love at Easter, Their beautiful wealth they bring.

The grass that was brown and withered. Caressed by the crystal rain, And its bright green lances quiver, La! twice ten millione strong, And the bird with her nest amon Flies up with a sudden song.

And we, who have seen our darlings, Reft from our side away. Who have wept in silent anguish, O'er the cold and pulseless clay, Take heart in the Easter gladness, A parable all may read; For the Lord who cares for the flowers,

He knows of the loss and anguish, The grope of the stricken soul;
He will bring again our dear ones,
By His touch of life made whole.
We shall need and know and love them

That after earth's dreary winter, Is coming to you and me. - Margaret E. Sangster.

Bits of Fun-— Book-Agent (entering): "Madam, I have a work of art to show you. It is a book."

Lady of the House (re-opening the door): "And I have a work of art to show you. It is a land-

Young Wife: "John, mother says she wants to — The awards for the free college education prizes, offered a year ago to the girls securing the things I'll take her down this morning." Anxious Mother: "As I passed the parlor door last evening I saw Mr. Nicefellow's face very, very close Lovely Daughter: "Yes, Ma, he's so near-sighted."

Mrs. Longwedde: "Such a charming husband as Mrs. Von Pickle has! So tender after ten years of Mr. Longuedde: "Quite natural. It would make

### QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

stevenson, and make arrangements with her to deliver her lecture on "Wesley and Woman." It is sparkling and full of interest. + She would come on easonable terms. Dr. J. Q. Knowles has an interesting League story, of which we hear the very best Dr. Knowles' is Worcester, Mass. If you want any the cry, "What shall I render?" further information in this line, address Rev. M. C. Beale, 36 Bromfield St., Boston, Mass.

#### NOTES ON LETTERS.

DEAR BROTHER HAVEN: I send you a note for your book, and a plea for an Epworth League met morial to John Wesley. Some say it ought to be, some say it can be, done. Now for a multitude to say it shall be done. But what? Yes, that's the question. My answer is, something for Epworth—a gift to the mother church. Could anything be better than the purchase of Enworth rectory for a Deas a gift to the mother charts. Could anything to better than the purchase of Epworth rectory for a Deaconess Home, and the sending over of two live deaconesses to scatter seeds of kindness, and be guides for Methodist pilgrims? Such a gift to the Wesley, ans would help to promote international good feeling, Christian union and co-operation. It would be a good beginning for the Ecumenical Conference in Washington next October. But can it be done?

we must simply return thanks in this general way his classes. "What will you give me in return?

### FOR APRIL.

REV. MATTHEAS S. RAUPMAN, A. M. April 5-" Opportunities." Gal. 6: 10; Eccl. 9: 10; John 9: 4,

"We are living, we are dwelling, In a grand and awful time, In an age on ages telling -To be living is sublime!"

tunities. It eclipses every other. Into it is wanting to it, namely, that there should be poured the treasured wisdom and wealth of ixty centuries. God seems determined to leave us without excuse. He is daily placing the world incessantly with its sweet sound." us under the most solemn obligations to de- Every one who enjoys a fair appreciation of light Him with the loftiest type of Christ-God's wonderful goodness to mankind must like character. Capacity for receiving. He feel that no ordinary voice is capable of suitenlarges. Ability for achieving He enerably praising Him. Even if everything that gizes. Immeasurable opportunities or wd hath being should unite in one ceaseless an-

1. For getting good. One of the mottoes on the walls of the temple at Delphi was, "Know thy opportunity." The first essential in this live age is to see the chances, and then to have a disposition to improve them. Hence it behooves us to walk the earth with our eyes open and our souls receptive. to live in the midst of such splendid advantages, for I training as the mother of Moses gave her little one, Punctual attendance upon all the ordained means of though she knew that he was no longer hers but the grace will keep us in the best way of receiving a 2. For doing good. These come trooping from

all points of the compass, and from all parts of the earth. From heathen lands they press, scaling sions. A few years before, Lee, with one of the flat- highest mountains and crossing widest seas. Their headed Indians from Oregon, had visited them, and multiplicity enhances our accountability. If, at after that there was a new interest in the cause of the every turn, we may do a kind deed, speak some enheathen in the minister's family. The pastor care- couraging word, scatter sunshine, and cast about us the sweet aroma of a beautiful Christian spirit, then children of the Sabbath school. There was one little what shall be our excuse if we fall in all this? Let us "look out" for these chances at home, school, store, factory, on the street, everywhere!

3. Opportunities neglected are like broken links of rusty iron in heaps of useless rubbish.

"There is a tide in the affairs of men. Which, taken at the flood, leads on to fortune; Omitted, all the voyage of their life Is bound in shallows and in miseries."

Nanoleon said. "There is a crisis in every battle ten or fifteen minutes on which the issue of every shall live also." My body may become feeble, eyes battle depends. To gain this is victory; to lose it is

rare value, binding us to those we have blessed and to the heart of God. The life that wisely selzes what all the training of years had been for, and sha every opportunity for doing good as well as for rewas so overcome that she burst into tears. She was ceiving good, is a psalm of consolation to the sor rowful, an inspiring doxology to the weary, and a

> April 12 - " What Keeps the Christian?" Cor. 10: 13; 2 Cor. 12: 9; 2 Tim. 4: 8.

This question assumes that the Christian is kept. How thankful should we be that and may I send my lily to the church? They are to it is not a false assumption! Christ's inter- have flowers, and they want especially lilies." cessory prayer, that His true disciples might not be taken out of the world, but "kept from the evil," has been answered in myriads of instances. He knew, better than they, and tiful; and I think, as you say, these buds will be full better than we, the bottomless depths and inst in time." the vile nature of that "evil." He knew how they would be surrounded by it and contaminated with it. In the midst of a sin-pol- long, slender green leaves were much admired. On luted world Christians are to prepare for a and another went up the aisle to look at it after the holy heaven. Victory over temptation is bet- Easter service, and Florence heard several speak of ter than exemption from conflict:

1. It is the power of an indwelling Christ that keeps the Christian. Nothing else can do it. No amount of secret prayer, no industry or system employed in Bible study, no firmness of will-torce, no nice sense of religious propriety, no high conception of Christian honor, no observance of moral rules, can compensate for the absence of Jesus. All these means and always so glad to hear about where he had been are excellent helps, but must not be depended upon. They all have their value, but at last the only Keeper is Jesus Christ, trusted, loved, obeyed, honored, made thoroughly welcome in the soul.

2. He is equal to every emergency With Him we combined can never bring to bear against us more than finite force. Christ is infinite. The power of omnipotence is in His right arm. Fable declares that the gods came down to fight for Homer's heroes on the plains of Troy. Fact affirms the living presence of Jesus in every Christian soul, exclaiming, "Be of good cheer; I have overcome the world."

3. Therefore we cannot be defeated without our own consent. Give me Jesus Christ to stand with me in the citadel of my heart, and my triumph is assured. I can defy all evil opposition. In the path of duty, n the King's highway of holiness, the Christian is absolutely and always perfectly secure. What safer place in all the universe for Daniel than in the lions' den, or for the three Hebrew children than in the fiery furnace? More certain of safety there in obedience to God than the disobedient king on his throne. Never fear circumstances. There were saints in the and be injured. If you lend it, you must take that polluted palace of Nero. Like the palm-tree in desert risk." or mountain-side, the Christian can flourish wherever

April 19 - "What shall I Render?" Psa. 116: 12-14; 103: 2, 3; Rom. 12: 1.

An artist, observing two visitors in his on the chintz-covered lounge, pale and quiet. A studio admiring his unfinished sketches, led wora picture books were beside her, and them into a darkened room, and indicating a stood near the window where she could loo particular position, requested them to "stand But there was little to interest her; and when right there." Then drawing aside the curmother was away, as she had to be a good deal tain, he unveiled a picture of surpassing long. The room was still, except the singing of her little beauty. All three gazed in silence while the kettle on the stove and the purring of her little ble whole manner of the artist said, "Do not pussy curled up beside her; and she lay thinking judge my genius by sketches in the studio, thinking. Her mother and Benjie had told her but, if you would see what I can do, look they could recollect about the Easter services. upon my finished work." In nature and in music, and the flowers. She could remember & providence God displays beautiful "sketch- to church when she was well; and she tried to imag es" of His power and love; but when He would reveal His richer glory, He leads us where we can behold His own Son with soon she was asleep. Her thoughts repeated the thorn-pierced brow, speared side, bleeding selves in a dream. She was in the church, state hands and broken heart. A realizing sense near the pulpit, where she could see the tall wi reports. Mrs. Stevenson's address is Newton, Mass.; of His boundless affection for me, prompts lilies and listen to the wondrous music; and it seems

1. In the presence of such abundance, the soul window, and see white-clad angels singing and pla feels its poverty. Instinctively it knows that to ren. ing on golden harps; in the glad sunlight. der what is due, it must surrender its whole possession. Every grateful heart attunes itself to the There, in the window at her side, stood a white lines of Watts:-

"Were the whole realm of nature mine, Demands my soul, my life, my all,"

2. But this general and wholesale consecration is Jenny was delighted. not enough. This cannot satisfy the honest Chris- And the children accustomed to have nearly ever tian - He will be more definite. If intelligent, he thing they desire can bardly imagine the joy and will recognize God's rightful ownership in his prop- companionship the one beautiful plant brought erty. Not only one-tenth, but ten-tenths, must be her lonely hours. The little girl was very near devoted to right uses. His time, talents, influence, gardens of immortal bloom - nearer than any of will be cheerfully used when, where, and as the knew. The snowy flowers had scarcely faded when Master may direct.

ceive large remuneration for instruction, was accost. queried the teacher. "I will give you myself," he replied. "I accept the gift," said the sage, "and LEAGUE PRAYER-MEETING TOPICS engage to restore you to yourself at some future period much more valuable than at present." With.

> April 26 - "My Reasons for Praising God." Psa. 34: 1-8.

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A beautiful Jewish tradition asserts that, "When God created the world, He asked the angels what they thought of this work of His hands. One of them replied that it was so This Christian era is booming with oppor- vast and so perfect that only one thing was created a clear, mighty, and harmonious voice, which should fill all the quarters of them to Him, His praises could not be adequately sung. Among my many reasons for praising God are: -

1. I live. Live in the best age of human history and in the fairest land beneath the sun. It is grand Praise God for life!

2. I have been created in the divine image. Some one has said, in substance, that " man is an infinite. ly little copy of God." Prove, if you can, that my body is brother to the clod, yet am I conscious of spiritual powers that give me communion with Jehovah. Some of His thoughts I can think after Him, and the very same love that moves Him thrills my soul.

3. Although depraved in nature and sinful by practice, I have been redeemed. For my redemption an infinite price was paid. Saved from endless ruin saved to eternal bliss! Certainly I must be destined for companionship with angels and with God

4. I may so live as to bless the world. Trampling selfishness beneath my feet, I can practice that bener olence which will brighten other lives. " In giving and spending," I rejoice to fulfil "the object of His

5. I shall never die. Death can never touch the life of Christ in my soul. "Because He lives, I dim, and steps tottering, but as the earthly tabernacle fails, my unfettered spirit shall soar aloft to . 4. Opportunities improved form a golden chain of realms of endless day. Praise God!

### Junior League.

A LILY'S VISIT.

EE, mamma! " said Florence, in eager, excit O ed tones, as she bent over a calla she had ended all winter. "Isn't it beautiful? I do think these three buds will be perfect just in time for Easter

" Flowers in pots, do you mean, dear ? "Yes, mamma; Mr. Armstrong mentioned that. "Then I certainly would send it. It is very bear

So the lily was sent by careful hands. There were other lilies in the church, but this happened to be the only calls; and its delicate, snow white cups and

its beauty But she was even more pleased when little Benja Dorr came u almost pulling her along, in his eagerness to have h see the boofullest of all, and tell Jenny about Jenny was the little invalid sister, who could be

and what he had seen. "Oh, don't you wish she could see it, mot er?" he said, almost in a whisper; but Florence heard it, and it set her thinking. She was very quies all the way home. The flowers were to remain in need fear no foe. Why? Because all our enemies church for a musical service early in the evening, and then to be returned to their owners. In the twilight talk between mother and children a kind thought

found words. " Mamma," said she, nestling her hand in her mother's, " would you mind if I lent Jenny Dorr the

lily while the blossoms last? " " Why did you think of it, dear?" Florence told her of Benjie's delight in the flower and what he had said. Mrs. West knew something of the family, and Jenny's crippled condition, and had sometimes sent her little gifts - fruit, jelly. story books. She was pleased that Florence should think of doing something to lighten a little the child wearisome bours, and give a real pleasure; but sh wanted her to be sure of herself.

"I have no objection, certainly," she answers but it might meet with some accident, you know. "I think they will be careful," said Florence;"

Sam can carry it, and bring it home. I'll venture

I am sure Jenny would enjoy it very much; and

have so many things, and she so few." In a small room, very scantily furnished clean, a little girl about the same age as Florence the time, and Benjie in school, the hours see to her that she could look up, far up, through

She woke with a start and a little cry of deligh with its slender, dark green leaves and just ope blossoms. She could hardly believe this, too, wa not a dream, till her mother came into the room and told her that's little girl had lent it, that she might see and enjoy it as long as the blossoms lasted

the angels came.

3. Net only should we gladly render all we have And to Florence the lily was dearer than ever and are, but as much more as we can honorably se. It put forth new blossoms, and she watered and cure. What an inducement to make the most of tended it, she often thought of the patient little girl ourselves! What an incentive to train our powers, whose way home was brightened by its beauty

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, and she watered and of the patient little girl htened by its beauty. - The Sunday School. the Syrians; perhaps they might be saved sucth." SECOND QUARTER. LESSON I.

Sunday, April 5. 2 Kings 7: 1-16. REV. W. O. HOLWAY, U. S. N. SAVED FROM FAMINE.

I. Preliminary. GOLDEN TEXT: " O that men would praise

the Lord for His goodness, and for His wonder. ful works to the children of men" (Pealm 107:

THE SIEGE OF SAMARIA. "A great effort was made at last by Benhadad to retrieve his uniform failures in the past. Collecting the whole force of his kingdom, he once more besieged Samaria. Closely investing it, his troops, looking down from the neighboring hills, could see the misery of the citizens, which ere long became terrible. . . . Elisha urged resistance to the uttermost, promising deliverance from God. Jehoram, however, shocked by overhearing a dispute in which two women wrangled about killing and eating their infants, instead of blaming his own character and weak rule, towed vengeance on Elisha. King as he was, he had fasted and worn sackcloth next his skin, at the prophet's words, and yet they had come to nothing. The author of so much misery should dec. An aftendant was therefore sent to Elisha's house to behead the prophet. But the seer was on his guard. He ordered the elders of the city, who were with him, to press against of the city of the c of the city, who were with him, to press against the door, and keep it from being opened.

Joram, the son of a murderer, 'cried he, 'has sent to kill me.' Presently the king himself them just as the lepers were on the point of leaving their hats, and descending the hill to their camp. Left tents, horses, asses, longer for deliverance from Jehovah?' But the answer was none the less calm and trustful:
To morrow, about this time, plenty will reign Samaria'" (Geikie).

#### II. Introductory.

than raging beasts, devouring their own children. In vain had the prophet promised deliverance. In vain had the king put on sackeloth. His patience gave way finally. Elisha should pay for his falseness with his own head he vowed. The soldier was despatched with the fatal order. The king hurried after. But he did not find the tragedy he expected. The executioner had been denied admittance, and when the king entered he found the prophet sitting in the midst of the elders of the city unruffled. His angry complaints were met with a "Thussaith Jehovah," and the prediction that flour and barley should be sold on that deserted camp! Carried silver and nominal price — an almost incredible failen upon such rich booty, they felt that as's head was worth fourseore pieces They followed the Oriental habit in hidding, of silver, and a "cab of doves' dung" probably burying, their "treasure trove." five pieces of silver. The scotling nobleman on whose hand the king leaned, we do not well.—Their consciences provided the man on whose hand the king leaned, sneeringly answered that to do that Jehovah would have to open the sluice-gates of heaven and pour down the grain Deluge-wise. "Behold, thou shalt see it with thine eyes," retorted the prophet, "but shalt not eat thereof." On that same day at sundown, four lepers, who dwelt the neath the wall, preferring to take the risk of death at the hands of the syrians to being starved in their huts, stole down to the enemy's camp, to their surprise they found no pickets, and on entering the lines, they found no man. "The Lord had made the host to hear a noise of chariots and horses," and fearing that the Hittites and the Egyptians had been hired to fight against them, and were on the point of surrounding them, they abandoned their camp in inglorious and the same in inglorious and the same in inglorious and the success of the surprise they found no the total state of the surprise they found to the surprise they found to pickets, and on entering the lines, they are supplied to the surprise they found no pickets, and on entering the lines, they are supplied to the surprise they found no pickets, and on entering the lines, they surprise they found no pickets, and on entering the lines, they surprise they found no pickets, and on entering the lines, they surprise they found no pickets, and on entering the lines, they surprise they found no pickets, and on entering the lines, they surprise they found no pickets, and on entering the lines, they surprise they found to pickets, and on entering the lines, they surprise they found to pickets, and on entering the lines, they surprise they found to pickets, and on entering the lines, they surprise they found to pickets, and on entering the lines, they surprise they found to pickets, and on entering the lines, they surprise they found to pickets and the feather than the surprise they found to pickets and the feather than the surprise they found to pickets, and on entering the lines the surprise they found point or surrounding them, they abandoned their camp in inglorious flight. First satisfying their own share of booty, the lepers communicated the good tidings to the city. The king suspected a ruse, but sent out two war charlots to reconnoitre. They found the way towards the Jossan littered with the impedimenta of the enemy. On hearing the joyful news verified, the familished people rushed to the camp. to feast themselves and pillage, and found that the word of the Lord had indeed been fulfilled. Nor did the

III. Expository.

shalish [from shalosh 'three'], may be (R.V., "two chariots with horses")—more compared with the Latin sribusus" (Raw-literally, "took two horse-chariots," that is linson). On whose hand the king two chariots, with the usual complement of are given in the circulars. leaned - a confidential courtier, therefore. two or three horses for each. So the king of Syria " leaned on the hand " of Naaman (chapter 5: 18). Answered — derisively and skeptically. If the Lord would make windows in heaven, etc. — Rawlinson paraphrases as follows: " If lehovah were to open sluices in heaven, and pour down corn as He poured rain in the time of the Deluge, even then could there such abundance as thou speakest of?' Thou shalt see it, but shalt not eata warning which he probably made light of, as he did of the prediction, but which was,

levertheless, as literally fulfilled. 3, 4. Four leprous men at the . . . This effectually separated them, and yet gave an opportunity for them to see the tides of life passing in and out and appeal to the ompassionate. "At the present day the rs at Jerusalem have their buts at the ments. side of the Zion Gate" (Keil). Why sit we here until we die? — Evidently they the heels of a day of want. must die unless they bestir themselves. There was no food for them in the city. God used lible, but they are sure. If we say, etc. — How vividly is set before himself fail to participate in its benefits. their terrible extremity, and the motives or the decision they took! There was death despised and afflicted, have their place and efore them if they waited; death if they part. anything worse than death if they went to His gracious purposes.

According to Jewish tradition these four the sunset, when their movements could not be discerned from the city walls. Uttermost race for eternal life? part of the camp-the first line of 10. "The good often inherit at last the circumvallation, nearest the city. No man riches of the wicked. The wealth of worldly there. - No challenge arrested them. There men at last often goes to aid the cause of were no pickets, no outposts. The Lord Christ and of education" (Peloubet). had made the host . . . to hear a 11. God is as true to His threats as to His noise.—Whatever the noise was, it was promises. caused by the Lord, and was therefore miraculous; and it produced the effect inmiraculous; and it produced the effect intended, to throw the Syrians into a panic and headlong flight, by the sound of what they believed to be the approach of a vast army.

They could hear the rumbling of chariots and the neighing of horses. The king of is rate in the city, then the famine is in the past. Collecting the limit of the past. Collecting the limit of the past. Collecting the sum of the Hittites.—The Hittites were incompleted.

"Note that the past is pust a year to-day," says Mrs. Judson, "since I entertained hope in Christ. About this time in the evening, when reflecting on the words of the lepers: "If we estimate the neighing of horses. The king of the hittites.—The king of the world, I should surely perish; if I staid where I then was, I should perish; and I could but perish if I threw myself on the mercy of Christ. Then came light and relief and comfort, such as I never knew before" (Foster's Cyclopedia).

camp, etc. — Great, indeed, must have been Lewis) their terror. It seems more natural to regard this as a stampede for life - a blind, unreasoning, pell-mell rout; but Rawlinson suggests that the tents, etc., were left standing in order that their flight might not be sus-The beleaguered city was reduced to a desperate strait. In their hunger-pangs even mothers had become worse of pursuit.

spirits of the besiegers; here was not a sword drawn against them, not a drop of blood shed; it was not by thunder or halistones that they

he next day in the gate of Samaria at gold and raiment and hid it. - Having bey, seeing that at that time an they were entitled to claim a share of it. probably burying, their "treasure trove." We do not well .- Their consciences

III. Expository.

1. Then Elisha said—to King Jehoram, who, rendered desperate, but not truly penitent, by the protracted famine and suffering, had sent an executioner to behead Elisha and then had come himself to the famished Christian army into his temporating the conductors and local guides, and the conductors and local guides, and then had come himself to the famished Christian army into his temporating the conductors and local guides, and then had come himself to the famished Christian army into his temporating the conductors and local guides, and then had come himself to the famished Christian army into his temporating the conductors and local guides, and

suffering, had sent an executioner to behead Elisha, and then had come himself to the prophet's house to see whether his order had been executed. Hear ye the word of the Lord—a calm and solemn preface. Tomorrow about this time. — The horrors of the siege were to last but twenty-four hours longer. A measure of fine flour.—The 'measure,' or seah, contained about a peck and a half. Sold for a shekel—the weight, not the coin, equal to about fifty-six of our cents. From the Hebrew word shakal, to weigh, comes our English word "scale."

Two measures of barley—three pecks. In the gate—the customary market, or place of traffic.

2. Then a lord—more exactly, as in R. V., "the captain." "The term itself, shalish [from shalosh 'three'], may be compared to be the famished Christian army into his temporal to be the fine famished Christian army into his temporal to the many of them.

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15. Went after them unto Jordanthat is, they followed the track of the panicstricken army Jordanward - in a northeasterly direction - a sufficient distance to satisfy themselves that the Syrians had really fled, and were not in hiding. Way was full of garments and vessels .- In worthy imitation, tells her experience below: their fright and hot haste, they had dropped what few things they started with, stripping Sarsaparilla the clerk tried to induce me buy themselves of every impediment.

16. The people went out. - With what a rush would these famine-stricken people pass through the gates and descend the hill to the camp! Spoiled the tents - plenty gate.—It seems to have been customary to to eat now and abundant booty. According erect huts for the lepers under the wall to the word of the Lord.—Incredible outside the town, and not far from the gate. as Elisha's words had sounded, they were literally fulfilled.

> IV. Inferential. 1. National sins provoke national judg-

3. God's promises sometimes seem incredtheir hunger-pangs as a link in His 4. The unbeliever who mocks at God's Providential chain, though they knew it not. word may see that word fulfilled, and 5. In God's economy the lowliest, the most

entered the city; and they could not meet 6. God is at no loss for ways to perform

the Syrians; perhaps they might be saved 7. "The wicked flee when no man pur

8. No joy should be unshared. 9. In flying from real or supposed peril lepers were Gehazi and his three sons (Gray).

5, 6. Rose up in the twilight—after

we part with everything to save life; ought we not "to lay aside every weight and the

He first makes mad " (Tayler

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drawn against shem, not a drop of blood shed; it was not by thunder or halistones that they were discomfited, nor were they slain, as Sennacherib's army before Jerusalem, by a destroying angel (Henry).

8, 9. They went into . . . tent . . . eat and drink . — They arrived at the camp famished, desperate, expecting violent treatment and perhaps death; but not a human being was to be found. The first and natural thought was to satisfy their hunger. What a feast those wretched beings must have had in that deserted camp! Carried silver and

On arrival at London the party will be tenon arrival at London the party will be ten-dered a reception in the old historic City Road Chapel. where addresses will be delivered by Revs. Mark Guy Pearse, Hugh Price Hughes, Dr. Joseph Parker, General Booth and Mr., Spurgeon (if in the city and able). After "doing London" the party will proceed to Epworth. Entertainment will be first class from be-

found that the word of the Lord had indee! been fulfilled. Nor did the second prediction fail: The mocking mobleman, stationed at the gate by the king, was trampled beneath the feet of the people in their onset. He saw of the people in their onset. He saw the plenty, but did not eat thereof.

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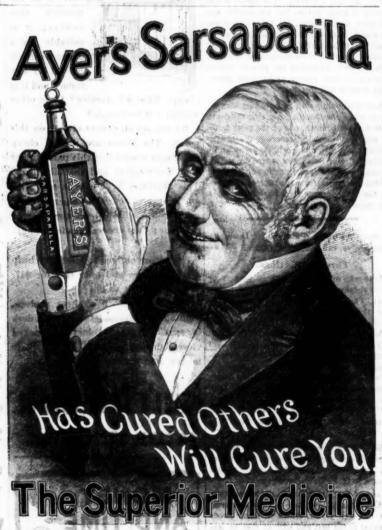
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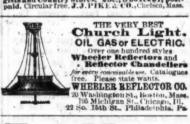
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#### Feview of the Week.

Tu sday, March 17. - Death of Judge John R. Brady, of New

- By an explosion at Cairo 100 dervishes

- There are said to be about 10,000 cases of Spain has formulated a reciprocity plan fo

the United States to consider. The Rhode Island Supreme Court has see aside a will probated fifty years ago. - The steamer " Boxburgh Castle " has been

- The French government has accepted

arbitration as a means of settling the - The president of the Irish National League of New York city announces that the League

has not received the Parnell delegates. - Earthquakes did considerable damage Sunday in different parts of Mexico. The city of Mexico is full of American excursionists.

- The sum of \$30,000 has already been colect-d for the relief of the sufferers from the Dighton; East Bridgewater; Little Comp-Spring Hill Mine explosion in Neva Scotia, and it is thought that at least \$75,000 will be needed. - The Supreme Court has decided the Buzzard

Bay question and virtually declares it to be a Waiter J. Yates, pastor of the church, gave ed sea, under the jurisdiction of the State - Italians are excited over the work of the

New Orleans mob. Secretary Blaine is doing all which was followed by brief reports from all he can to atone for the lynching of Italian the societies represented. The closing exercitizens. Profound regret is expressed at the - The wrecked "Galena," "Nina" and Miss Ida G. Barrows, of Taunton, which in

"Triana" cannot yet be reached, and all three seem to be breaking up. The "Dexter," with , was prevented from making a lauding at Gay Head by heavy seas. Wednesday, March 18.

- Prince Jerome Napoleon, "Pion-Pion," - Ex-Secretary Bayard says the Federal Gov

ernment is not responsible for the actions of the - There was a great McCarthyite meeting a

London, to which Cardinal Manning sent a

- Fire on the corner of Bleeker and Green Streets, New York, last evening, destroyed more than a million dollars' worth of property. - Mr. Gladstone spoke at Hastings vesterday He was given a grand ovation as he left London at Tunbridge Kent, en route, and at Hastings.

- The British steamer "Utopia" was sunk yesterday in Gibraltar Bay by coming into ollision with an irondlad. More than 200 Italian emigrants were drowned. - The Italians of Boston gathered in large force at Faneuil Hall last evening, and a number

of the speakers uttered protests against the lynching of their countrymen in New Orleans. Clark, of Taunton. The next paper, " Meth-- Overtures made by Canada to British Guiana for a reciprocity treaty have been rejected, on the ground that an arrangement of Joseph Beals, of Fall River. Mr. John W. that obseracter with the United States was Bury then rendered a solo, after which Rev.

- It is shown by official figures that 750 peers of the British realm are the owners of places where liquors are said. The Earl of Derby, who heads the list, is the owner of 72 dram shops, erary Phase of the League Work as Shown and a Bishop is the owner of two places where liquors are sold.

#### Thursday, March 19.

- The Fifty-first Congress appropriated

sentenced to six years. Mediterranean by the sinking of the steamship

- A crevasse on the Mississippi is now 200 feet wide, and a large portion of Jefferson Parish

- Governor Russell has removed Police Com- ters in the New Bedford District. Prayer be made to G. F. D. Paine, 48 Canal St. ner Osborne and appointed Col. Henry was then offered by Rev. W. J. Yates. Bou-

quets were presented by the chairman in be-- Manrice Healy accepts Parnell's challenge half of the local League to President Davis that both resign their seats in Parliament and test the issue by a new election.

and Secretary Williams, and a basket of flowers to Rev. W. J. Yates. After appropri Friday, March 20. ate responses, embodying expressions of abiding interest in the work of the League, Rev.

- Six Chinese lepers have been dis living in the heart of Victoria, B. C. - Ex-President Mitre has been nominat for the presidency of the Argentine Republic.

Church, New Bedford, and Presiding Elder Ela addressed the young people on the Ep-- Two lives were lost and 22 families made worth League and its work. In the brief rehomeless in a New York tenement house fire. vival service which followed two indicated a - Charles N. Felton was yesterday ele

- A treaty of extradition has been arranged between the United States and the Republic of

- Pennsylvania is said to have been robbed Soldiers' orphan schools. the Philadelphia and Reading gressing in a very satisfactory manner. Re-

collieries in the Schuylkill region have been vival services have been held, in which the - The U.S. receiving ship "Verment" was

run into by an unknown tramp steamer at her dock in Brooklyn and was badly damaged. - Hen. Thos. W. Bicknell, of Boston, has been requested to take charge of the edu exhibit of the United States at the World's

- The captain of the "Utopia," has been conviction appeared to be upon those who atment. Official count shows the number of lost imously, and with much warmth of expres quent tributes to the memory of the

late Judge Devens were made last night in Music Hall, under the auspices of the Loyal Legion The speakers were ex-President Hayes and Gen Francis A. Walker. Gen. Corse presided. Sa urday, March 21.

- La grippe is epidemic at Pittsburg; four thousand cases are reported; also at Detroit.

- There will be no international complications growing out of the Italian massacre at - The past winter, up to January 6, had been

date no snow or ice had been seen. - The British Government has been re ted by Newfoundland to delay legislation until the colony has been heard from.

- The Keystone National Bank, Philadelphia, has been closed by the government because its reserve of cash was below the legal sum. - Sidney Dillon confirms the truth of the report that a blanket mortgage was to be placed on the Union Pacific for \$250,000,000, the largest

#### Monday, March 23. - North Carolina moonshiners kill two reve-

- A verdict of " aecidental" was rendered on the " Utopia" disaster. - Hon. Thomas B. Reed sailed for Europe

Saturday on the steamer " La Bourgogne." - Gen. Joseph W. Johnston, the last of the Beauregard, died Saturday night.

- The death of Hon. Levi C. Wade, Presiden of the Mexican Central Railroad, occurred at his home in Newton Centre Saturday morning. - Parnell held a meeting in Dublin and other

places, but they are practically boycotted be-

- The municipal authorities of Berlin are urging the government to forbid pool selling, on of morals in Germany as in France.

- The Czarowitch will not visit this country as has been expected. He will go from China to Yokohama, pay his respects to the Mikado and then go to Viadivostock, where he will lay will then take the overland route across Siberia

#### THE CONFERENCES.

LEAGUE CONVENTION AT FALL RIVER.

March 12, at which Rev. Herman C. Scrippe

of Falmouth, district president, president

St., Pleasant St. and Allen St., New Bedford;

ton; and Warren. Rev. O. E. Johnson, of

North Church, Fall River, conducted open-

ing devotional exercises, after which Rev.

a cordial welcome, to which a fitting response

was made by President Scripps. After these

addresses came the introduction of delegates.

cise of the morning was the reading of

paper on "The Epworth League Badge," by

her absence was read by Miss Emma Hunt-

At the close of the morning program the

Church League. In the vestry a bountiful

main audience room the platform was near-

ly covered with handsome potted plants

ferns, etc., while upon the desk of the pre-

The afternoon session was held, with

morning. After the completion of reports

from the Leagues and churches represented,

the president, Rev. H. C. Scripps, of Fal-

mouth, announced that during the year two

more sub-district conventions will be beld,

one at Whitman and the other at Martha's

Vineyard. The first paper of the afternoon

was on "Associate Memberships," and was

written by Mrs. J. F. Montgomery, of Taun-

ton. In her absence, it was read by Mis

odism in our Epworth League," written by

Mrs. George H. Munroe, was read by Mr.

Charles J. McCreery, of Brayton Church, on

"Program Hints." This was followed by an

in the Reading Course." Mrs. R. N. Allen,

of Steep Brook, read a paper on "How the

of the Epworth League," presented by Mr.

tend the neighborhood district conventions.

J. I. Bartholomew, pastor of the Allen Street

VERMONT CONFERENCE.

Under the judicious management of Pastor

pastor was efficiently assisted by Revs. D. C.

Babcock and W. E. Bennett, of the New

Hampshire Conference. Presiding Elder Nor-

ris, of the Claremont District, was also pres-

ent one evening and preached an excellent

tended them. The quarterly conference unan-

sion, invited the return of Bro. Bruce for the

At Bellows Falls, also, revival services

have been in progress, in which Bro. Todd

has been assisted by an able corps of work-

ers, including Revs. A. H. Webb, of Brattle-

boro, R. L. Bruce, of Springfield, W. E.

Bennett, of Keene, and E. E. Revnolds, of

Ludlow. The writer preached one evening.

Not having heard from the pastor, the result

of these services cannot be here given. Bro-

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Springfield District.

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dinner was served by the ladies.

nestly of the work.

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the congregation.

New Bedford District.

though young in the ministry, has served his present pastorate four years, and is earnestly [Continued from Page 5.] H. McLean a costly Bible to the Embury Church, Central Falls, for use in the pulpit.

The Bible contains the old and the new ver- at Weston, where a gracious revival was enjoyed last fall, which is, perhaps, to be largesions in parallel columns. The kindness of the donors is appreciated by the pastor and ly credited to the faithfulness of Pastor A. G. Austin. Twenty-two persons were received into full membership in the church, and there are a few others to follow — all the fruits of the above revival. Two were also received into full membership at Landgrove, of which One hundred and ten delegates, represen place Bro. Austin is pastor. His return for ing 18 churches in the New Bedford District the coming year is much desired and vicinity, made up the constituents of a

At South Londonderry the work is held well lively and successful Epworth League conin hand by Pastor W. A. Bryant, who is vention at the First Church, Fall River, closing up with excellent success his third year, and whose return for the fourth year is strongly urged. A steady and healthy growth and George W. Penniman, of First Church, Fall River, was secretary. The churches rephas marked nearly the whole of Bro. Bryant's resented were: Firs'. St. Paul's, Brayton. pastorate at this place, and the last year is the North, Quarry St. and Summerfield, Fall best of the three. River; First and Grace, Taunton; Fourth

Much harmony prevails at Wardsbore, and but for the steady shrinkage of numbers, owing to removals and deaths, this place would afford a pleasant field for a man of slightly depleted strength. Pastor Walter and his excellent wife - who is a model Sunday-school superintendent - have done faithful work, and but for a local embarrassment from which they have not been able to free themselves, larger results would have deservedly crowned their labors.

The young brother, L. W. Brigham, who was obliged by failure of health to leave his work at Thetford last fall, of whom occasional mention has been made in these items. after a steady decline marked by excessive weakness, entered into res t on Friday, March er, of Fall River. Presiding Elder Ela was 13. A more extended notice will probably introduced to the convention, and spoke earhe forwarded. He died at the residence of his parents in St. Albans.

The church debt at Olcott, of which frevisitors and local members of the convention were partakers of the hospitality of the First quent mention has been made, is nearly or quite all provided for. Pastor Farnsworth and the Olcott brethren are to be especially The church was prettily adorned. In the congratulated at the remarkable success which has been achieved. The pastor is also worthy of great praise for his skillful and energetic management, but for which disas-Legislature yesterday in regard to the so-called siding officer was a basket of beautiful cut ter would have doubtless come to the enterprise. It is seriously hoped, however, that no other church will be encouraged to rashly largely increased attendance over that of the rush into debt, expecting the general church to come to their rescue, as has been gener ously done in this instance.

Most distressing tidings have just been received from Hartland, announcing the death of Mrs. P. B. Smith, one of the most faithful and best beloved members of the church in that place. Her loss will be well-nigh irreparable. Her death was caused by the accidental taking of carbolic acid, and occurred in fifteen minutes from the time of swallowing the fatal dose. Her husband died little more than a year ago.

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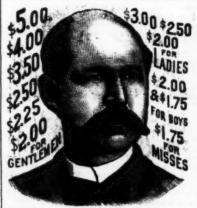
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